EDITORIAL

"Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition..."

'PRAISE THE LORD and pass the ammunition . . ." is a great song.

It was born out of the blood and sweat . . . the agony and death of our blood-soaked battle fields in World War II. It is a great song because, perhaps more than any other song, it typified the desperate longing for survival and ultimate victory in a great and bloody human drama.

It is a great song because it helped us to achieve victory in the greatest war of all history.

But did we achieve victory?

This question today is far more pertinent than most people care to realize.

For, after all, what did we fight for? Did we fight for a better, saner and happier world? Did we fight for —among many other things: Freedom from Fear? Freedom from Want?

Of course, we did. God alone knows how many of our sons gave their lives happy with the thought that those they left behind shall enjoy the fruits of their bitter victory.

TRAGICALLY enough, however, we did not banish Fear. And Want is still very much with us. So much so, that right now upwards of 100,000 fellow UAW-CIO members—our brothers and sisters are "pounding the bricks," walking the picket lines to achieve at least a measure of freedom from Want.

A fight is always unpleasant. Often, it is very bitter and frightfully costly.

And certainly a strike is a fight . . . not only unpleasant, but extremely costly for those who are least able to pay the price.

It is only natural, therefore, that those of us who are on the side-lines . . . those of us who are not directly called upon to sacrifice our pay checks . . . to "pound the bricks," on the picket lines, put our shoulders to the wheel and help.

Yes, **HELP** to the fullest possible degree.

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BECAUSE WHILE we are on the "side-lines," actually and in cold-blooded reality area very much a part of this struggle.

It is our struggle.

It is so, because if the Chrysler workers win, we shall have won also. Only a fool or a hypocrite would deny that.

On the other hand, if the Chrysler workers should lose, we would lose, too.

IT WAS WITH these inescapable facts in mind that our last UAW-CIO International Convention passed the resolution to provide for the special dollar-per-week assessment—for a period not to exceed 12 weeks—in case our International Union should find it necessary to call upon workers in excess of 50,000 to strike for their demands at any one time.

With upwards of 86,000 Chrysler workers out, this condition was more than met.

Therefore, in accordance with their incumbent duty, the International Executive Board of our union has voted to put into effect this resolution and soon you will be called upon to donate $1 per week out of your earnings to carry on this fight."

You will be asked to "deliver the goods."

And you can do it. Just like our boys did on the far flung battle fields of World War II. You can do it much easier, and with a great deal more spirit and enthusiasm by remembering that famous song: "Praise The Lord and pass the ammunition . . ."

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FOR US IN TOLEDO this relatively small sacrifice will be a bit more difficult because, while we shall be called upon to assist our sisters and brothers in the Chrysler organization, we shall have to continue our own local fight against masters of Toledo's Big Business.

There is no escaping that fight, either.

Toledo's Big Shots are determined to defeat our program . . . to smash our union, if they can get away with it.

Toledo's Big Shots are determined not to permit the disappearance of our "Fear from Want."

But, as so often in the past, so once again those who who would deny us what is rightfully ours . . . those who would deny us the fruits of our labors shall not succeed in their diabolical plans.

They shall be defeated.

And our people shall win this battle, just as they have won so many other battles since the formation of our great organization.

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Goal For 1950 Beat Taft

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Brief Being Prepared For Ohio Pension

Data Compiled On Request Of UAW's Richard Gosser

Preparation in brief form of the Ohio State Old Age Pension with all amendments is being made, it was announced by Lowell Goerlich of the law firm of Lamb, Goerlich and Mack, union attorneys.

The attorney is compiling the data on the request of Richard Gosser, International UAW-CIO vice president who has proposed pensions of $100 a month for all aged Ohioans.

No Pauper's Oath

Mr. Gosser's proposal includes pensio nwithout signing a "Pauper's Oath" or to sign away property to the State to be eligible for a State pension.

The proposal by the International vice president would also grant the State pension to factory workers who would be receiving a monthly pension and to those who receive Federal Social Security benefits.

Would Cover All

In making the proposal Mr. Gosser said the $100 monthly Ohio State pension plan would cover all aged Ohioans 65 years and over who otherwise would not be eligible for pension under the State Act.

Local 12 Band Applications Every Saturday

Any boy or girl interested in becoming a member of the Local 12 Junior Band is asked to file an application any Saturday at Local 12 Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. it was announced by C. E. Broderick, director and instructor of the band.

Instructions and lessons are free to all youngsters by Mr. Broderick who has years of experience as an instructor and director of bands.

The Junior Band is being sponsored by Local 12 and is open to all youngsters six years and older. Interviews are being scheduled each Saturday in Parlor H at the Local.

W-O Meeting At Woodward High

Attention Being Called To Change Of Site

Members of Willys-Overland Unit, Local 12, UAW-CIO are having their attention called to the change of meeting site.

The regular monthly meeting tonight (Friday) will be held in the auditorium of Woodward High School instead of Scott High School, it was announced by Homer Avery, Unit chairman.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., he said.

Facts for UAW Members In Toledo About Area Pension Plan

First question to ask yourself:

When in your lifetime has any one of the newspapers or companies now fighting the Toledo Area Plan, come forward with any proposal to improve your way of life?

Second question to ask yourself:

Have any of these papers or companies ever come forward on their own account with a proposal that would give you more security on your job or more pay on your job?

Third questinon to ask yourself:

Why is it that the attack on the UAW-CIO and Richard Gosser never took place until the Toledo Area Pension Program was proposed?

Fourth question to ask yourself:

Since the companies and papers object to the Toledo Area Pension Program, where is their offer to provide Toledo workers with decent pensions?

Fifth question to ask yourself:

If the UAW has made Toledo a ghost city, why is it that there are more workers and more industries in Toledo than at any time in its history, and how come Jones and Laughlin, one of the nation's biggest steel companies, has just moved here?

Sixth question to ask yourself:

How is it that a little boy who has never done anything and who has never had to earn a living because his father left him a three-million dollar trust fund is an expert on the pensions workers are entitled to?

What is the Toledo Area Pension Program?

It is a plan by which all the employers in the Toledo area will pay into a single fund to provide workers with pensions when they are too old to work and too young to die.

Is there anything un-American about the Toledo Area Pension Plan?

No. Employers have already established a Toledo Area Propaganda Program to finance their dishonest propaganda against pensions.

The Toledo Area Pension Plan is like any insurance plan. A half dozen people could not possibly insure their own lives by themselves. But by forming an insurance company which pools their insurance payments, they can insure their lives.

We have a Toledo Area Community Chest.

We pool money in a Toledo Area Government Fund.

Would the Toledo Area Pension Plan cost companies any more than any other kind of pension program?

No. The answer is that it would cost less. Employers would insure their workers for pensions (collectable at age 65 and not on their death) just the way they now pay other kinds of insurance.

Instead of paying the money to a New York Bank, they would pay the money into a special Toledo Fund managed by company and union representatives.

If there is no Toledo Area Pension Plan, is there any other way for workers to get industrial pensions?

For the workers in the large companies, yes. But in small companies it is not feasible to set up a pension plan that covers only a few hundred workers. But under the Toledo Area Pension Plan it will be possible for every worker in Toledo to be covered by a pension.

What are the advantages of the Toledo Area Pension Plan.

First, it enables workers in small plants, as well as large plants, to be covered by pensions.

Second, because it is a bigger plan, many economies are possible which enables you to get more pension for the same amount of money.

Third, it makes it possible for a man to change jobs without losing his pension rights. So long as you worked, any company in the Toledo Area Pension Program, you would be covered by a pension.

Fourth, it would give people an incentive for working and living in Toledo.

Fifth, it answers the objection to a company pension program, since it enables a man to have old age security without being tied down to one plant.

Sixth, it would assure Toledo of additional purchasing power in the hands of older citizens in good times and bad and this would be insurance against deep depressions. It could mean the difference between solvency and bankrupcy for many Toledo firms in tough times.

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Plaskon Workers Out For Adequate Pension

Vote Is Unanimous To Hit Bricks Until Health And Security Is Won

Local 12 Policy Committee Pledges Help In Opening Fight On Pensions

The fight to win adequate pensions and a Health and Security program officially got underway Thursday noon when approximately 500 members of Plaskon Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO, by unanimous vote accepted the challenge of Toledo corporations to go all out for the pension plan. Picketing at the Plaskon plant began this morning.

The action was taken when the members met in a special meeting Thursday morning to decide on future action against the Plaskon Company which recently has directly violated the contract and stalled action on grievances and complaints and topped it off by dismissing six employees without just cause.

ADOPT RESOLUTION

After an hour of discussion the members adopted a resolution which in part reads: to add to our demands that the entire contract settlement along with the pension plan, be a part of our strike and finally, "we will stay out on strike until such a time as the Plaskon Company lives up to its contract and grants its workers in this community an adequate pension plan which is secure and the funds will be there regardless of whether the union is there or the company is there, so when a worker is 65 he will know he can retire and the fund will be there to pay him." (Full text Resolution on page 2),

Ballard At Meeting

Charles Ballard, Region 2-B, UAW-CIO Director explained the tactics used by the Toledo Corporations and The Toledo Blade to undermine the pension plan. The Plaskon members showed their determination 100 per cent to go all out for the pension plan by not recording a single dissenting vote against striking.

Mr. Ballard then told the group that the Policy Committee of Local 12 UAW-CIO, composed of all Unit chairmen voted Wednesday night that any shop going out to win the pension plan would have whole-hearted support from the Units. The committee, Mr. Ballard said recommended $1 contributions from their members in the shops to support the striking Unit for a pension plan and a health, medical and security program.

The Plaskon Unit is the first among Toledo Units to adopt a resolution to hit the pavement

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Union Journal

Inquiring Reporter

With pensions being the top issue in the Toledo area the Union Journal Inquiring Reporter attended the regular monthly Local 12 Educational League meeting to ask a few questions. Interviewed were officers of locals in the Toledo area who attend the monthly meetings to be posted up to date on the developments of the area pension plan.

Local Unions in the area having representatives at the meeting last Friday night were Local 913, New Departure, General Motors Division, Sandusky, Ohio; Bowling Green, Local 990; Troy, Ohio, Local 128; and Bellevue Mfg., Local 493.

In commenting on the Local Area Pension Plan the representatives from the Sandusky Local said:

Although not being a resident of Toledo may lead you to believe we are not interested in the area pension plan which originated in Toledo, We can very positively state the Toledo Area Pension Plan is an intelligent and fundamental step forward for every Union member and his family — and most necessary.

Left to right from Local 913, Sandusky, Ohio are Kenneth Powell, Denzel Downs and Miles Fritz.

(Additional Photos on Page 2)

In asking the view point of the other representatives of the various Local Unions the sentiment was the same with many commenting that the age limit could be lowered to 60 instead of 65 as the plan calls for at the present time. A survey, they said, has convinced the officers of the Local Unions that the Area Pension Plan is the answer to the worker who is too old to work but too young to die. Can we say that more specifically, they ask.

All of the representatives who have been attending the Local 12 League Educational meetings since the Pension Plan became an issue agree that the present Pension Plan is the answer to the economical problem and assure the workers of a half decent living problem.

Local 12 Meets Friday Feb. 10

Nominations Of Officers Scheduled

Howard Seren, President of Local 12, UAW-CIO issued a reminder that nomination for officers of Local 12 will be held at the regular monthly meeting next Friday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m.

Also on the agenda will be the selection of an election committee and to set an elections date for officers.

He said other important business will be discussed at the meeting which will be held in Parlor A at Local headquarters, 425 Winthrop St.

Box Total On Donations To Pension Publicity Fund

		Total			Total
Wk. End. 1-28-50		to Date	Wk. End. 1-28-50		to Date
Acme Spec.	$ 4.50	$ 4.50	Lakeside	1.99	13.26
Airway	4.60	8.05	Local 913		$ 1.00
Assoc. Prod.	7.72	7.72	Local 497		37.64
Am. Brake		.83	M. Parry		12.02
Am. Fl. Surf.	2.54	9.37	Mather	$ 1.01	22.06
Armour		1.00	Metal Furn.	3.71	3.71
Ayling	1.00	23.07	Nat. Supply	16.37	16.37
Local 11		100.00	Plaskon		74.97
Lo. 1058 UAW		200.00	Pipe Thread.	10.51	10.51
Bingham	44.47	76.65	Pr. Steel		11.68
Bliss	15.64	79.71	R. Randolph	3.84	7.48
But. & Hart	4.07	4.07	Rath. Jones		7.65
Buckeye Pt.		5.07	Lo. 346, Oil		100.00
Burt Fdry.	2.45	6.99	Sheets El.		.95
Bunting		25.00	Spicer		3.70
Conkey	.50	1.45	Swartz.		12.63
Champion		101.00	Std. Comm.	2.56	6.98
City Mach.	3.40	13.73	Surf. Comb.	2.76	2.76
Col. Burner	5.73	5.73	Swartzbaugh	4.71	17.34
DeVilbiss	8.63	21.14	Tillotson	4.67	18.87
Doehler	205.55	405.55	Tol. Porc.		12.58
Formed St.		2.55	Tol. Scale		25.00
Ind. Heat	1.57	8.80	Tol. Stamp	3.87	3.87
Laclede	1.81	2.66	Tol. Tube	9.68	10.72
Kent Owens		6.40	W. O.	46.71	640.42
Tol. Mach.	8.05	77.71	Local 975		100.00
Local 105		40.00	A. P. Parts		25.00
S. M. Jones	2.17	7.27	Bunting		25.00
Local 16		10.70	Lo. 12 Meet.		26.00
Local 493		19.07	Welever Ring	.51	1.68

Total Ending Jan. 21, 1950	$1,839.23
Collected Week Ending Jan. 28, 1950	474.97
TOTAL TO DATE	$2,314.20

EXPENDITURES

Printing for Pamphlets, Stickers, Misc.	$1,346.08
Radio	323.00
Advertising (Newspaper)	$3,013.20
TOTAL	$4,682.28
Income	$2,314.20
Deficit	$2,368.08

Correction

The next meeting of the northwestern Ohio Skilled Trades Council will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7 instead of Monday as announced last week.

The Council will meet in Parlor I at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., at 8 p.m.

Bingham Unit Elects Feb. 4

Election of officers of Bingham Stamping Unit will be held at Local 12 Hall on Saturday, Feb. 4, it was announced by William Weston, Unit chairman.

Voting will be conducted in Parlor B at Local 12 headquarters from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

J & L Unit Meets Feb. 4

The Jones & Laughlin Unit of Local 12 UAW-CIO, formerly American Can will have an election of Unit officers on Saturday, Feb. 4 in room 315 at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St.

Vince Nowak, secretary of the Unit said balloting will be from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with attendance card or paid up receipt necessary to be eligible to vote.

The Issue Is PENSIONS Not Union Leaders

UAW-CIO Radio Station Offers Chrysler Free Air Time For Public Discussion Of Issues Involved In Chrysler Strike

Ben Hoberman, General Manager of the UAW-CIO-owned WDET, today offered the station's facilities free of charge to the Chrysler Corporation and Union officials for a public airing of basic issues behind today's nation-wide strike.

In identical letters to Chrysler Corporation President K. T. Keller and UAW-CIO President Walter P. Reuther, Hoberman suggested a round table discussion as an important and informative service to this motor-production-conscious community, many of whose families are vitally concerned by today's strike action. The offer is in keeping with WDET's policy of offering free time for presentation of controversial issues, including labor-management disputes, with equal representation of conflicting viewpoints.

Replies from the parties invited to participate are being awaited. A similar offer made to the disputing parties in last year's Ford strike was rejected by the Ford management.

Complete texts of the invitations follow:

January 25, 1950

Mr. K. T. Keller, President,
Chrysler Corporation,
341 Massachusetts,
Highland Park 3, Michigan
Dear Mr. Keller:

To better inform our listeners and the community, we invite you to participate in a round table discussion of the issues involved in the current dispute between the Chrysler Corporation and the United Automobile Workers (CIO).

This offer is in keeping with the policy of WDET, which is to make available our facilities, free of charge, for the presentation of controversial issues, with equal opportunity for the expression of different points of view.

This invitation is extended to you, or Mr. Herman Weckler, Vice President and General Manager, Chrysler Corporation; or Mr. Robert Conder, Director of Labor Relations, Chrysler Corporation. An identical invitation is being sent to Mr. Walter P. Reuther, President, United Automobile Workers (CIO), and has been extended to him or Mr. Norman R. Mathews, Director, Chrysler Department, United Automobile Workers (CIO).

I hope this proposal meets with your approval and that you will advise me so that we can make necessary arrangements that would be agreeable to all concerned.

Very truly yours,
Ben, Hoberman,
Manager—WDET

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January 25, 1950

Mr. Walter P. Reuther,
President, United
Automobile Workers (CIO),
411 West Milwaukee Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan
Dear Mr. Reuther:

To better inform our listeners and the community, we invite you to participate in a round table discussion of the issues involved in the current dispute between the United Automobile Workers (CIO) and the Chrysler Corporation.

This offer is in keeping with the policy of WDET, which is to make available our facilities, free of charge, for the presentation of controversial issues, with equal opportunity for the expression of different points of view.

This invitation is extended to you or Mr. Norman R. Matthews, Director, Chrysler Department, United Automobile Workers (CIO). An identical invitation is being sent to Mr. K. T. Keller, President, Chrysler Corporation, and has been extended to him or Mr. Herman Weckler, Vice President and General Manager, Chrysler Corporation; or Mr. Robert Conder, Director of Labor Relations, Chrysler Corporation.

I hope this proposal meets with your approval and that you will advise me so that we can make necessary arrangements that would be agreeable to all concerned.

Very truly yours,
Ben Hoberman,
Manager—WDET

Inquiring Reporter

Bellevue was well represented at the meeting having left to right, M. E. Meachan, Al Orwig, Paul Mesnard and V. Wollenslegel.

Plaskon Strikes For Pension

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until an adequate pension plan is granted to the workers.

Martin, Szymanski Speak

Cyrus "Toots" Martin, a International Representative on Mr. Ballard's staff and Felix Szymanski, Unit chairman informed the members that the Plaskon management was not interested when the workers would return to work after the dismissal of the six employees but instead suggested that other phases of the contract be taken without due regard to the real issue which should be discussed.

They said meetings were scheduled and some held but the company as usual practiced stalling tactics.

Set Up Committees

Immediately following the Thursday morning meeting the members began setting up a welfare committee and a finance committee.

Mr. Ballard said the shops in the city including other unions would began collecting the contributions to aid the Plaskon workers in their fight for adequate pensions.

From Troy, Ohio attending the Educational League meeting are Arthur Fagan and Kenneth Beard, left to right.

Representing Local 990, Bowling Green, Ohio. Left to right are Albert Smith, Gerald William and Larry Schaufler.

President Truman Praises New Wage-Hour Amendments

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The new wage-hour legislation which went into effect at 12:01 a. m. on January 25 is "an important addition to the laws we live by," President Truman said last week.

"It is a measure dictated by social justice. It adds to our economic strength. It is founded on the belief that full human dignity requires at least a minimum level of economic sufficiency and security."

The legislation establishes a 75-cent minimum rate for the 22 million workers protected by the Fair Labor Standards Act—the Federal wage-hour law. It also provides increased protection for children against hazardous industrial employment.

"Ours is a growing society," the President said. "We cannot afford to stand still, and we cannot afford to have our legislation become outmoded. Consequently, in 1949 we re-examined and re-appraised the Federal wage-hour law in the light of the 11 years' experience we had had with it and in the context of our present 250 billion dollar national economy."

He added: "As now amended, the Fair Labor Standards Act is a good law. But no law can be drafted which will not need re-examination in the light of subsequent developments. I have therefore asked the Secretary of Labor to keep me informed on the operation of the new law. I am confident that our employers and workers will find compliance with this law even easier than compliance with the original statute in 1938. I look forward to great and lasting benefits from this legislation."

Tobin, Burke At Mary Manse Forum Feb. 14

Tickets for the Mary Manse Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 14, Feb. 26 and on March 5 and 19 are available at Local 12 Hall, it was announced by Howard Seren, local president.

The forum, sponsored by the Ursuline Nuns, of Mary Manse College offers a attractive list of speakers including Maurice Tobin, Secretary of Labor and Rep. Thomas H. Burke.

Ticket sare available at $2 for the series, tax included.

MurrayToMake Radio Speech

Talk To Be For Telephone Workers

CIO President Philip Murray will make a speech in support of the Communications Workers of America in that union's efforts to win improved wages, pensions and working conditions throughout the Bell Telephone System, in a nation-wide radio network speech on February 1.

President Murray will deliver his address over the American Broadcasting Company network. It will be heard at 9:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time; 8:30 P. M., Central Time; 8:30 P. M., Mountain Time; and 9:00 P. M., Pacific Time.

New Break In Coal Dispute

WASHINGTON (LPA — An untangling of the many development tied into the fight of the United Mine Workers for a better contract with the operators may occur early in February. The union meets with northern and western bituminous operators Feb. 1, and heat applied by Republican Senator to apply Taft-Hartley was relieved by action of the Senate Labor Committee in postponing indefinitely a resolution urging President Truman to use the law.

The decision to defer any action was by a six-to-five vote, with Chairman Elbert Thomas (D., Utah) casting the deciding ballot.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) who made the motion, explained that the action was not to be interpreted as being sympathetic to the resolution which is being pushed by the Republicans. The "delicacy of the negotiations," which are scheduled to reopen formally Feb. 1, was the reason for his move, he said. "This is the President's responsibility under law, and such resolutions should not be passed under these circumstances," he insisted. John L. Lewis and the operators have agreed to meet here at 2 p. m. Feb. 1.

In favor of killing the resolution outright was Sen. Mathew Neely (D., W. Va.) who voted with the Republicans against Humphrey's motion. Otherwise, the decision was by a straight party vote.

Earlier, the Senate committee had voted down a proposal by Sen. George Aiken (R., Vt.) that would have asked Truman simply to use "any means at his command" without stipulating simply the Taft-Hartley fact-finding and injunction sections.

Former Potters Head Dies

COLUMBUS, Ohio (LPA) — Thomas J. Duffy, 72, a former president of the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters, died here after a brief illness. Born in England, he went to work as a potter at 11, became secretary of the union in 1899, and president in 1903. He resigned in 1911 when named to the State Industrial Commission, serving 12 years. He was admitted to the bar in 1919, and took an active part in Democratic politics.

Liberals Reject Churchill Bid

LONDON (LPA) — The Liberal party has flatly rejected the invitation of Winston Churchill to combine with the Conservatives in fighting the Labor party in the Feb. 23 elections. "The people of this country do not need to jump into the fire to escape the frying pan," Liberal leaders declared.

Toledo Stamping Notes

Mary Eichenberg

Here we go again, back in the news after five months absence.

The entire plant offers deepest sympathy to Viola Norman on the death of her beloved mother, Mrs. C. Butler. Viola is a punch press operator on the day shift.

Nellie in the press room is all excited. Her son, Sgt. Charles Hoisington, is expected home on Monday, Jan. 30. Charles is being discharged from the United States Marines after three years of service.

Hazel Hipp, press room is on a sick leave.

Harriet—press room, is infanticipating.

We extend our best wishes to Rose Hughes. Rose was married New Year's Eve. Her new name is Mrs. Rose Hulme.

The entire plant offers deepest sympathy to Harriet Kusz on the death of her beloved mother, Mrs. Frances Kruczkowski.

Congratulations to Gertrude Mason, who celebrated her birthday, January 20.

We are happy to welcome back Mary Hutchison, in the press room on day shift, Mary is the proud mother of a lovely boy.

Congratulations to Sophie Rybka, of Miscellaneous who became a proud mother of a lovely baby girl on Jan. 17, 1950.

Marie, when you go to the restaurant with little Ann, be carefull what you eat. Remember your diet.

The two flowers, among the scents and flavors, are doing a good job of taking care of our appetites, at rest periods and lunch time.

Wanda, on third shift in Misc. was tendered a baby shower, by the girls on that shift. She received some lovely gifts.

Johnny Lukas, has been working in Salvage for some time. Johnny was formerly in Misc.

Erna Richards, on the third shift brazer, is wearing a beautiful diamond ring on her engagement finger. Erna said no date has been set for the wedding.

Bill, our electrician, was off ill last week.

Congratulations to Lester Smith, who celebrated his birthday Jan. 10. Lester did some figuring to make this edition.

Congratulations to Charles Gresham, whose birthday was October 20. We were out of circulation during his time.

Congratulations to Mark Skinner who celebrated his birthday Jan. 25. Mark is on the second shift in Misc.

Joe, inspector, has transferred to 2nd shift.

Fred, our boss, is sporting a newly polished car.

Walter, in the die room has not made up his mind whether it will be a blonde, brunette or red head.

Junior had his car washed, looks very nice beside his father's.

Ella in Misc. was off ill a few days last week.

Steve, formerly of Misc. has been made inspector, on the day shift. Good luck, Steve.

We miss Arthur Smith's, smiling face, but are glad of his promotion, as assistant to the man who signs our checks.

Now that Felix has two sets of teeth, we wonder why Monte can't break them in for him.

Monte, says his new teeth only bit him once.

The entire plant tenders deepest sympathy to Rose Nitz on the death of her father, Walter Babiuch on Jan. 25.

Congratulations to Delores Nawrocki, who was married Jan. 28. Delores will honeymoon one week.

Bernice, of the press room, became a proud grandma of a bouncing baby boy, Jan. 26.

Congratulations to Marilyn in the Misc. who celebrated her birthday, Jan. 26.

Lililan Karmal is confined to her home with illness. We all miss Lillian and hope to have her back with us soon.

Congratulations to Wanda, an inspector in Misc. who celebrated her birthday, Jan. 26.

We are anxious to know when Big Helen, Toledo Stamping and Rocky from Bingham, are going to walk down the aisle.

Congratulations to Virginia Nitz who will celebrate her 10th anniversary of happy wedded blis, on Friday, February 3.

That dashing "Little Boy Blue" Leo Henry, celebrated his silver wedding anniversary in January.. The best of luck and happiness to both you and your wife in the years to come, Leo.

We are glad to hear, that Harry Powell is resting well. Hurry and get well, Harry!

Carl Briskey became the father of a bouncing baby girl last October. This makes three girls, better luck next time, Carl.

Toledo Industrial Safety Council will hold its meetings at Macomber High School, Tuesday, Feb. 1 and Tuesday, March 14. It is sponsored by our company, as an educational and recreational project. Anyone wishing to attend may obtain tickets from our personel manager. They are free.

The news that is coming from Toledo Hospital, in regards, to Florence is very encouraging, Florence was hit by a car and suffered severe injuries, which have confined her to the hospital some time. We are informed that due to Florences' vim, vigor, vitality and stamina she will be able to leave the hospital soon. The entire plant sends her greetings and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

There will be a meeting of Local 12, Toledo Stamping Unit, at the Union Hall in Feb. Watch for the date and arrange to attend, there will be nomination of officers for 1950.

To All Officers Of All Local Unions UAW-CIO

Re: Emergency Strike Assessment

The International Executive Board, at a special meeting held on January 27, 1950, voted unanimously to levy an EMERGENCY STRIKE ASSESSMENT in conformity with the provisions of RESOLUTION NO. 37, adopted at our International Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Strike Assessment affects all employed members of the Union in the United States. The Assessment is $1.00 per week per member beginning on February 9, 1950. Local Unions may collect the Assessment in monthly installments on the following basis: $3.00 during February 1950; $4.00 during March 1950; $4.00 during April 1950; $1.00 during May 1950.

This Assessment shall be in effect as long as there are at least 50,000 members of our Union who continue to be affected by a strike or strikes, but no longer than twelve (12) weeks.

The International Executive Board found it necessary to levy this EMERGENCY STRIKE ASSESSMENT because of the great number of workers who are out on strike at the present time. Among the workers on strike are 89,000 in Chrysler plants throughout the country; 1000 in Local 250, Gar Wood Industries, Inc., Detroit, Michigan; 350 in Local 202, Federal Mogul, Detroit, Michigan; 100 in Badger Foundry Unit of Local 234, Racine, Wisconsin; 53 in Local 242, Muncie Foundry Corp., Muncie, Indiana; 110 in Southern Heater Corp. Unit of Local 811, Los Angeles, California; 850 in Local 902, Robbins & Myers, Inc., Springfield, Ohio.

We must make certain that none of our members go without basic needs as a result of participating in authorized strikes. I urge you to inform the leadership and membership of your Local Union of the levying of this Assessment in order to assure maximum effort in raising this EMERGENCY STRIKE ASSESSMENT.

Fraternally yours,
Emil Mazey,
International
Secretary-Treasurer
by order of the
International
Executive Board

Calls Publishers Greatest Enemies Of Press Freedom

WASHINGTON (LPA)—"As many persons have observed many times before, the greatest enemies of freedom of the press are the publishers," concludes an editorial in the current issue of League Reporter, publication of Labor's League for Political Education. The editorial points out that most of the country's big dailies "ignored the sensational report by the Federal Trade Commission disclosing that a majority of big business made a profit of around 20 per cent, after all taxes, in 1948, compared with about half that before the war. The report, one of the most important profit stories to break in many years, was available to all newspapers. Did you see it in your hometown paper?"

The editorial declares that a spot check by the Labor Press Association disclosed the N. Y. Times and the N. Y. Journal of Commerce gave the story a half a column, the N. Y. Herald Tribune carried nothing, nor did the Washington papers, nor did most others, although most papers "spend money for special Washington correspondents."

The editorial points out that when the publishers' association meets this spring "you can be certain its members will assure one another that they are firm believers in the freedom of the press." The editorial continues:

"Freedom to what? Freedom to keep their subscribers in ignorance? Freedom not to let the people know that those who scream loudest about taxes make the biggest profits? Freedom not to make their advertisers mad?

The full story was carried by Labor Press Association, which obtained it from the same source available to all dailies, and all wire services—the Federal Trade Commission.

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Facts for UAW Members In Toledo About Area Pension Plan

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How Much would it cost?

It would cost no more than the pensions that are now established in the steel industry and in the Ford Motor Company — that is around ten cents an hour.

How Much would this add to Employers Costs?

Slightly more than six cents an hour, since the government, through tax rebates, pays about 40 per cent of the cost of any pension program.

How Much would this add to the Cost of what a Company Produces?

Around 1 per cent, if there were no other savings as the result of the pension program.

Direct labor costs in articles manufactured in Toledo roughly come to 25 per cent of the selling cost.

The ten cents an hour comes to about six per cent of the labor cost in the final price of an article.

Thus the gross cost of the pension would amount to around one cent on a dollar of gross sales. And the government pays four-tenths of this one cent.

Actually, however, most companies figure that a pension pays for itself by stabilizing the labor force and by allowing the company to retire older workers and to make way for younger workers.

Is Toledo being made a guinea pig by a Toledo Area Pension Program?

Not at all. The steel companies have already agreed to ten cents and hour payments to provide for pensions. So has Ford. During the last year, more than a million workers have come under pension plans. The area plan makes it easier for companies to operate pension plans. It is true that in a sense Toledo will be be pioneering the Area Administration of the plan, but since this does not add to the cost and does add to the security for the worker, Toledoans should be proud to pioneer this plan just as it takes credit for the pioneering Labor-Management-Citizens Committee. Is Toledo a guinea pig because we tried the LMC first in the country? After all, should Toledo workers be the last in the country to have industrial pensions?

Who opposes the Toledo Area Pension Program?

The same people who opposed everything else we have won, the people who opposed Roosevelt. The people who opposed us when we tried to organize our union. The Blade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Clearing House Association (that's the banks who stole our savings during the last depression), and the companies who have fought every advance we ever made.

What arguments do they make against the Toledo Area Pension Program?

The same arguments that they used against seniority, against unions, against the eight hour day, against overtime pay, against the forty-hour week, against paid holidays, against paid vacations, against unemployment insurance, and Federal Old Age Pensions.

Each one of these gains they said would put them out of business and drive industry from Toledo. But we won them all and they are still in business and they are still in Toledo.

How do they Oppose the Toledo Area Pension Program?

By using the newspapers and an enormous propaganda machine to get you off the main issue—pensions.

They are reported to finance this campaign by a Toledo Area Propaganda Program.

You see they can organize a Toledo Area Program to fight you. But they resist organizing a Toledo Area Program to give you a break. According to reports, each employer has put up $10 for each worker on his payroll to fight the pension plan. They have hired a New York Propaganda outfit and they have put all kinds of stooges to work for them

Where does the Blade fit into this picture?

The Blade, since it is a newspaper they control, is carrying the ball for them. The Blade years ago was a famous liberal paper. But when it was taken over by Paul Block Senior, an imitator and admirer of William Randolph Hearst, it soon became just another Hearst paper. The Blade tries to pretend it is a liberal paper, but not in 15 years has it supported any program workers needed or fought for. It has always opposed, with minor exceptions, the things we stand for.

Who Owns The Blade?

The Blade is owned by a 39-year-old boy, the son of Paul Block Senior. This 39-year-old boy who wears a beret and a big bow tie has something of a reputation for playboying.

He went to school for many years after most people went to work. He inherited the Block paper from his father and a three-million dollar trust fund that will take care of him in his old age, his children, and his wife.

Born with a silver spoon in his mouth, he has no understanding of working men, or their problems, and no conception of what it is to face the evening of life without a job, without savings, and without any livelihood except the prospect of a $25-a-month Social Security Payment or a $20-a-month Ohio Paupers Pension.

The Blade, it should be noted, studiously ignores the UAW-CIO except to attack it. It saves up its attacks for those moments when we are making an attempt to provide ourselves with a better standard of living and a little more security.

What kind of pension is a man entitled to now?

Under the Federal Social Security law, wage earners at the age of 65, who are covered by the law, get the average payment of about $27-a-month. If you are not entitled to Social Security, you may qualify under the Ohio pension law. Then you may get the average payment of around $20 a month, if you can prove you own no property, if your relatives and children swear they cannot help you, and if you can prove you are a pauper.

What is the pension UAW-CIO is asking for?

$100-a-month at age 65. But the pension must be guaranteed so that when a man retires on it, he can be sure he will get the pension until he dies. To insure against unfairness and injustice, the pension fund must be administered by both the union and the company. The total pension cost should be paid by the employer.

Who objects to this kind of pension?

No one denies we are entitled to them. The Presidential Fact Finding Board during the steel strike said they were our due and that on account of the tax laws and in justice they would be paid entirely by the employer. Ford has given these pensions. So has steel. In fact, more than a million workers in the last six months have won them.

Will we get them?

Yes. Just as surely as we won seniority, union recognition, our pay increases, paid holidays, paid vacations, and all the other features of our present union contract. All it takes is solidarity in the ranks of our union—and a determination that will not be deflected from the main issue.

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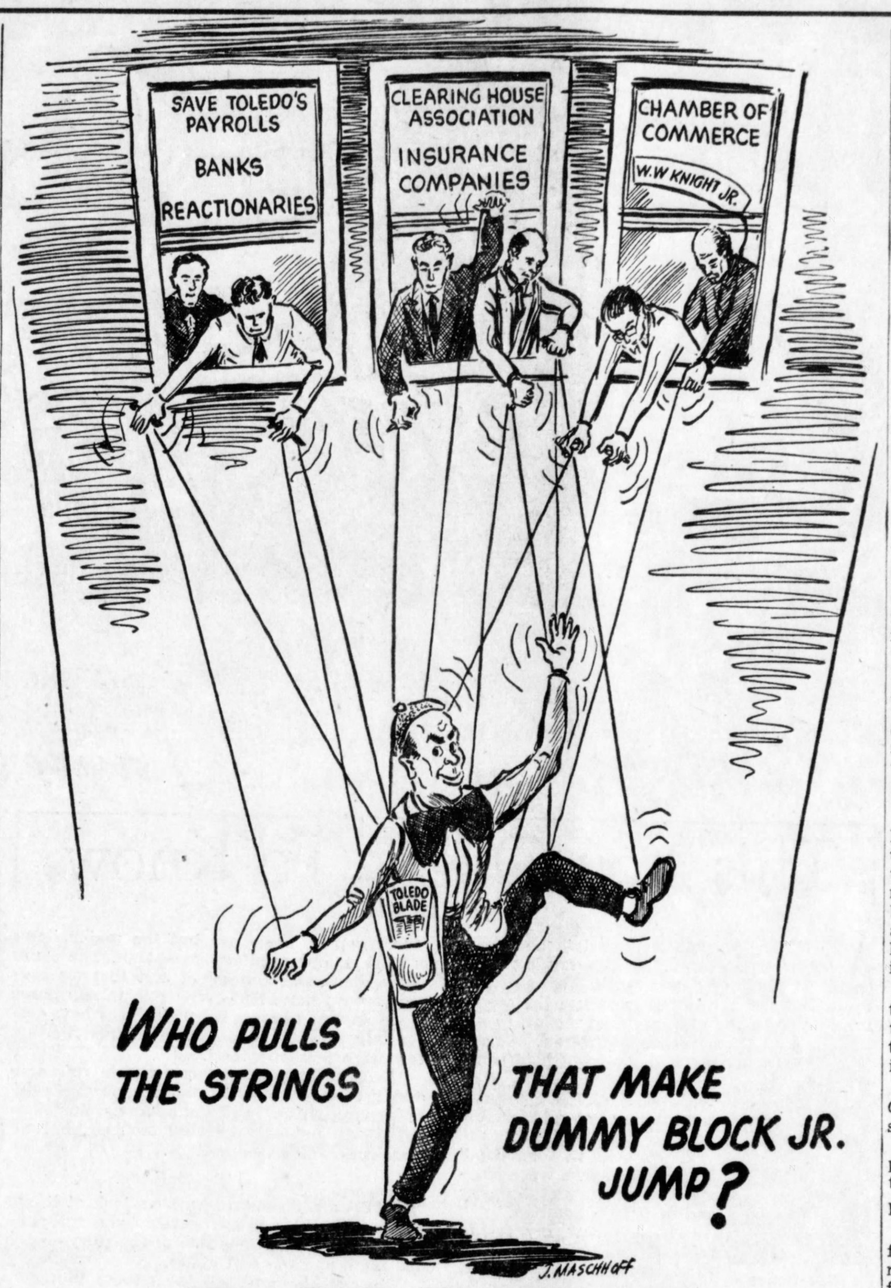

Who Pulls The Strings?

YOU CAN see for yourself. The people pulling the strings that make Paul Block, Jr., ventriloquist dummy, move and talk, are not people at all — they are corporations.

They are the same corporations and banks and insurance companies that have always opposed everything ordinary workers have sought to make life better for themselves and their families.

They talk about saving Toledo's payrolls—but these are the people who shut Toledo tighter than the drum and gambled away every cent of Toledo's payrolls back in the days of the Great Depression.

If there is anything approaching prosperity today in Toledo, it is not their fault. What prosperity we have won has been won in spite of them.

You see the wage rates, and seniority, and paid holidays and paid vacations and job security are things they always fought against.

And it is these gains that we won through our union that make Toledo an acceptable place to live.

When we win pensions so that old people be decently cared for, Toledo will be an even better place to live.

But Paul Block, Jr., Dummy Block, Jr., that is, sharpens up his blade and does their hatchet work. You see, he is a rich man with their interests at heart. His daddy died and left him a three million dollar trust fund to take care of him. He is a man who has never had to work for a living and whose three million dollars will pay pensions for his grandchildren as well as for his children and for him.

$100 a month pension at age 65 don't mean anything to him—he has three million dollars. Why should he care if you starve.

And even though he is 39 years old and is married, he still does not imagine enough or understand enough to know how important pensions are to wage earners. You see, he is a rich man's son who has never worked.

Pensions—ours in justice and morality.
Pensions—when we are too old to work and too young to die.
Pensions—Now.

And we can win them by not being misled by a richman's pampered son.

Lincoln Won't Run Against Taft

COLUMBUS, Ohio (LPA) — Murray D. Lincoln has announced he will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination to oppose Sen. Robert A. Taft. At the same time, Lincolnn, head of the Farm Bureau insurance companies, announced he is changing his registration to Democrat. He said he was quitting the Republicans because "I see no possibility of the present Republican leadership solving the serious, major problems of our times."

Lincoln's decision leaves as leading candidates for the Democratic nomination, State Auditor Joseph T. Ferguson, and Mayor Michael V. DiSalle of Toledo.

Lewis To Meet Operators

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The coal picture changed when President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers and northern and western bituminous coal operators agreed to a meeting here Feb. 1. This was the date on which NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham, acting at the operators' behest, was to ask a federal judge to enjoin Lewis from refusal to bargain and other practices. Some thought the suit would be postponed. Meanwhile, the U. S. Bureau of Mines told the White House a coal shortage impended.

BUC Hires Extra Help To Pay Claims

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Payment of additional unemployment benefits to those eligible workers who were receiving compensation last August 22 will begin before February 15, Administrator Frank J. Collopy of the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation, said today.

The rehandling of such claims is required by a decision of the Ohio Supreme Court January 18. The decision refused to enjoin the BUC Administrator from reconsidering unemployment claims which had been determind prior to August 22. That was the effective date of the Legislature's increase of weekly benefits from $21 for 22 weeks to $25 for 26 weeks.

Staff Working Overtime

Collopy explained his staff has been working overtime since the date of the Court's decision to begin paying the supplemental checks as soon as possible. Nearly 200 extra employes are now being recruited to handle the job without disrupting current claims.

The first of the new employes, the Administrator said, reported to work in local BUC offices throughout the state this morning for training.

The complex nature of the Ohio Law will make the reconsideration a big job.

"But we are doing everything possible to streamline the operation," Collopy said.

Examination Of Records

Examination of the local office record will begin Monday morning when redetermination forms will start to flow to the Columbus Central Office for examination for eligibility and charges to employer's accounts so that the checks will start to go into the mails after expiration of the 10-day appeal period

Simplified redetermination forms will help to speed the examining process. Examining must take into account claimant's benefit year, the maximum benefits paid for those applicants making claims before August 22.

Additional Benefits

Procedure will be greatly speeded by the records kept in the Buearu's local offices after the changes in the law went into effect. Pending clarification by the Attorney General's opinion or a court decision, the Bureau's Employment Centers permitted claimants to sign for the potential additional benefits when they reported for possible job openings.

The administrator explained that it would be necessary to examine the local office records for all persons whose benefit year was determined and became final before August 22 and who had received benefits since that date. Some who did not receive benefits after August 22 will also be eligible if the provisions of the new law extended their benefit year.

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RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PLASKON UNIT OF LOCAL 12 TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.

WHEREAS: The Plaskon Corporation, through its officials, has decided to become a part and have joined hands with the rest of the Toledo Industrialists in the destruction of Local 12.

WHEREAS: In our opinion the employers feel, because of the fact that Local 12 has not fought on the pension plan, that the ranks of labor in Toledo are weak.

WHEREAS: The Toledo Blade has continually kept feeding such propaganda to the community and such remarks in their editorial, challenging the union and just as good as insinuating that it stood in weakness and afraid to fight.

WHEREAS: The employers have gone even further than refusing to grant the pension plan ,they are attempting to destroy the union wherever possible.

WHEREAS: The employers have taken away from the committee in the various shops, including Plaskon, the right for grievance and complaints and lost time. This makes it impossible, when a worker is being discriminated against, for the committee to adjudicate their grievances to satisfaction.

WHEREAS: The Plaskon Corporation has failed to meet weekly, at least once a week, on grievances that are not settled.

WHEREAS: The Plaskon officials have taken a very anti-labor position in the past three weeks.

WHEREAS: The employer has refused to grant the pension plan plan in any respect.

WHEREAS: There are five fellows discharged and we demand their return to work with full pay.

WHEREAS: If we allow them to discharge these five today it won't be long before someone else is discharged.

WHEREAS: The company has refused to pay any further lost time for the committee and stewards working to settle bona fide grievances. This is not the creation of the committee or stewards but the corporation not dealing properly, fairly and squarely, according to the contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we of Plaskon are determined to make a fight in the City of Toledo to prove that Local 12, UAW-CIO, is determined to keep its identity as a labor union.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: No one is to be discriminated against and the discharged employees must be returned to work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we intend to protect the stewards and committee to see that they handle bona fide grievances at all times and lost time will be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Eventually the area pension plan has to be fought out.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we pledge to Local 12, UAW-CIO and the International Union that we will continue to fight for all the workers in the City of Toledo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we recommend to the Local 12 UAW-CIO officers, the Regional Director and the International Union that inasmuch as we are involved in this particular strike for the rights of our union to prevail in our plant, that we appeal to the union to add to our strike demands that the entire contract settlement, along with the pension plan, be a part of our strike.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: We will stay out on strike until such a time as the Plaskon Company lives up to its contract and grants its workers in this community an adequate pension plan which is secure and will be there regardless of whether the union is there or the company is there, so when a worker is 65 he knows he can retire and the fund will be there to pay him.

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Praise The Lord And Pass The Ammunition

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HOWEVER, VICTORY shall not come simply. Nor easily. It will be a hard and bitter contest. Perhaps it will last a long time and will demand great determination and fortitude on our part. It will demand that we give of our time and of our energies and money.

There is no easy road to victory.

Let us make sure this time that our boys—those who died thinking that by giving their all, "Fear from Want" shall have disappeared from this great nation of ours — did not die in vain.

Let us finish the job for them.

In this great land of ours "Fear from Want" can and should be banished forever. President Roosevelt thought so. He led our people to victory in the greatest of all wars to achieve this goal.

Yes, let's finish the job for them . . . and for us and those who will follow us.

Remember all this when you will be called upon to give your buck-a-week to help Chrysler workers. Remember this when you will be called upon to donate towards our local fight for our area-wide Pension and Social Security program.

Our program cannot succeed without YOUR HELP.

WITH YOUR HELP WE CANNOT FAIL.

Remember: "Praise The Lord and pass the ammunition . . ."

That Man Denham!

IT LOOKS as if Robert N. Denham is doing his darndest to take away from Senator Taft the unenviable title of "The Man Labor Likes Least."

Denham, the NLRB's general counsel, really cut a fancy di-do recently at an employers' meeting at New York City.

Denham, in effect, told the group:

"If the NLRB should rule against you in any controversy you should fight the matter out in court."

Such advice coming from a NAM lawyer wouldn't have been out of place—but Denham is the man who is charged by law with the duty of defending the NLRB and its decisions in court!

Denham's action would be paralleled if the prosecuting attorney in a criminal case told the defendant:

"If this stupid jury should find you guilty you should immediately appeal to a higher court."

Following the New York speech, CIO Pres. Philip Murray asked—again—that Denham be booted out of office. His first request was made last November during the CIO convention.

Murray said Denham's invitation to go into court "is sufficient proof (if any additional proof is needed) that Denham is incapable of administering the important post of general counsel of the Board with the fairness and impartiality that office requiesr)"

And at this point about the only good thing we can say about Denham is that he doesn't make any pretense of being fair and impartial.

Ever Earn $68,493 An Hour?

GENERAL MOTORS Chairman Alfred P. Sloan has disclosed that his company earned more profits last year (over million) than any other company ever made in a similar period. He termed the accomplishment "satisfactory."

Sloan, in a New York City "Forward from Fifty" luncheon attended by 500 industrial and financial leaders, asked for a rewarding pat-on-the-back from the country's politicians, whom he said "should be inclined to encourage a performance of this magnitude."

He stated that last year's profits "are likely to move up to over $600 million."

The GM board chairman's speech had a disparagement for company stockholders, who earned $1100 million during the period. He inferred that the record-breaking 1949 profits were less impressive when viewed in the light of return on capital employed.

"If we compare 1949 with 1936," he said, "we find that the return on capital employed rose only three percentage points. And to accomplish this we had to increase our sales in terms of 1949 dollars from $2500 million for 1936 to $5500 million in 1949." He indicated that the process hadn't been easy.

(Ed. Note: A profit of $600 million-a-year amounts to $68,493 an hour.)

In view of GM's record breaking profit year, CIO Auto Worker officials were wondering what the attitude of the company would be, come negotiation time. The present agreement expires May 29.

Time For Plain Talk

By TOM BURKE

Dear Constituent:

WITH THE second session of this, the 81st Congress, well under way, the Legislature Calendar fairly bulges with issues, great and small, which Congress hopes to resolve before adjournment.

Tom Burke

My own committee, Education and Labor, has drawn up a tentative schedule which began last week with executive sessions on H.R. 1380, a bill providing for a Labor Extension Service in the Department of Labor to make educational material in the field of labor available to wage earners just as the Department of Agricultural Extension Service makes Farmers' Bulletins and other materials available to farmers. Unfortunately, consideration of the bill was postponed for 60 days. Apparently a lot of people are afraid to educate workers.

This week the committee will meet on three measures: H.R. 3023 which provides safety measures for miners; H.R. 874 which would extend Federal aid to States for the demonstration of public library service in rural areas, and H.R. 2026 which would provide Federal aid to States and their political subdivision for expanding recreational programs.

The question of aid to the physically handicapped will come before the committee next week and on February 6 we will again take up the problem of Federal aid to education. The committee has voted to consider the bill which the Senate already has passed and to meet daily until some solution of the problem is found. It is hoped that by amending the Senate bill it can be made acceptable to all factions.

In March the committee hopes to take up the problem of providing schools and free education for children on Federal reservations where no school tax equivalents are available and for children in localities where enrollments in existing schools have been greatly increased through Federal activities. A situation in which thousands of children are victims of inadequate education has been created by the expansion of such Federal installations as army, navy and air forces bases, research and conservation activities and war and public housing projects, because the government does not pay taxes for support of schools.

"Deficit financing" is being used as a scare-phrase by opponents of the President's budget whose warped sense of values puts dollars ahead of people. However, the phrase loses its frightening implications when one analyzes the President's plan and realizes that Mr. Truman proposes to balance the budget by investing American dollars in American people and American resources.

About $12.5 billion of the total $42.4 billion budget can be regarded as an investment in the future of this country. At least $4 billion of this investment would be returned to the government's coffers through repayment of loans, sale of commodities and the sale of power from dam projects. Considerably more would go into state and local construction of houspitals and schools, research, education and health.

The Republicans in Congress, who cannot for political reasons openly oppose these direct benefits to the people, are taking the line that while they are desirable, we cannot afford them. Perhaps they feel we can better afford poor housing, ill health, poor education and longer relief rolls.

The wonder of it is that we are able to get along on so little, only 29 per cent, for our domestic program and stilll accomplish the President's plan for a stronger, more productive America.

Domestic expenditures cannot account for any huge increase in our budget over those pre-war, peacetime years. World II and the Cold War to preserve the peace account for more than two-thirds of the 1951 budget. It is interesting to note that in the last Republican Administration our domestic budget was only $50 billion. Today, the President calls for only a $12.5 billion domestic budget as against a $250 billion income.

The Administration victory Friday which prevented changing House Rules to permit pigeonholing of legislation by the Rules Committee not only effected a split in the Dixiecrat-Republican coalition but pointed up some changes in thinking on Capitol Hill. More and more legislators are coming to realize that the people of this country expect rule by the majority and will not tolerate gag-rule by minority groups. Also, an increasing number of congressmen have come round to the place where they are willing to "stand up and be counted" on controversail issues instead of maneuvering so that such issues are never brought up and they never have to vote on them.

Veteran's Information

Q.—I am drawing retirement pay and now plan to begin school in February under the GI Bill. May I also receive subsistence while attending school?

Q.—Yes.

"Remember Appomattox!"

This You Ought To Know

By PETE ZVARA

A FEW DAYS ago I happened to be working overtime and I got to talking to a friend of mine who was also doing the same thing. Both of us worked from 7 in the morning to 6:30 in the evening. That meant, in accordance with our agreement, that we got paid time-and-one-half for the first two hours over our regular eight hour day and double time for the last hour.

Pete Zvara

"It's a helluva long day," I remarked as we were leaving the plant, "but the pay end of it is not so bad."

"I'll say not," my friend replied smiling. "I made $35.75 today."

My friend happens to be a die maker.

"And how," I said. "That's really something."

"Yea," he replied, "but not as good as what I made on last Thanksgiving Day. That day I made $66.00 for working eight hours."

What a far cry from the days of a short fifteen years ago! You remember the rates in 1935 for die makers? Around seventy-five cents per hour . . . if you were lucky enough to have a job.

* * *

THIS little conversation got me to thinking a bit about the tremendous advances we have made in labor-management relations, in wage rates and working conditions within the past dozen or so years. I wonder how many of our people give this any thought? In a serious sense, I mean. Too often we hear some of our people grumbling about the most insignificent things one can imagine.

Right now, for example, we are hitting up our plants with can collections for our publicity campaign. It costs a lot of money to buy newspaper space . . . radio time and to publish our own newspapers and pamphlets. One full page ad in The Blade, excluding the Sunday edition, costs $576. On Sundays the same space in The Blade costs over $350. To go on the radio for fifteen minutes on a station like WSPD costs around $65. But that isn't all. To assure proper "plugging" for any radio speech, we must buy so-called "spot announcements" that averages ten bucks a crack. In other words, one 15 minute broadcast usually runs to about $100.

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WHAT The Union Journal costs our union is quite a sum in itself, even though we come out but once a week—and only on six pages, not 30, 40 or 50 like The Blade. The printing of a simple and rather small four page folder—the kind now being circulated in the plants—costs our union upwards of $325 in lots of 35,000 copies.

Of course, these are but the major items of cost in our publicity campaign. There are other innumerable items of cost that we cannot recount here. However, from these figures alone anyone can see for themselves how desperately vital it is to donate to this fighting campaign publicity fund.

Because obviously if our people refuse to donate . . . if they shirk their responsibility by not giving willingly of their money, our campaign will not only be very difficult, but we may very well lose our fight.

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AFTER all, no matter how we look at it, we must reach our membership and the public in general with our side of the story—with the truth and the real issues.

No one else will tell them these things.

On the contrary, our opponents will do everything in their power to confuse the issue . . . to poison the minds of our people and the public generally against us.

Actually, if we want to be truthful about it, they've almost succeeded in doing that already. Imagine, convincing the people of Toledo—including our own membership—that old age pension and welfare and social security benefits are no good for them? Seems fantastic, doesn't it? But it isn't and all of us know it.

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OF COURSE, all of us know — or should know—that there is more at stake here than the fight for pensions and our company financed medical and welfare program. The very life of our union is at stake. Our rates of pay, our working conditions, our seniority rights—yes, everything is at stake. This is, indeed, a desperate fight for survival.

Naturally, most of us don't make $2.75 per hour, like my die maker friend does. But I know that all of us are making a helluva lot more than what we made fifteen years ago. I know—and so do YOU—that working conditions in our plants are a far cry from what they were not so many years ago. We have our contracts now. And we have our seniority rights, protected by our unions.

All that is at stake., And more.

Is it too much to ask you to quit beefing about petty and relatively insignificant problems and "kick in"?

In other words, brother, when that can comes around to you GIVE. I don't mean by this that you should forget your plant problems, your plant grievances. Hell no. Yell all you want. Demand that your problems be taken care of. But don't forget your UNION. The price of a couple shots, a couple of beers a week—that's all you have to forgo. That's all you have to give to your union.

Believe me, it's a mighty cheap price for what is at stake.

A Plea For Brotherhood

By RUTH TAYLOR

"ALMIGHTY GOD, we make our earnest prayer that Thou will keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou will incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large."

It is fitting that Washington's prayer after his inauguration should be the prayer with which we celebrate Brotherhood Week. Our nation was founded upon the principle which is the foundation of all monotheistic religions — the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. We gave allegiance to this credo when we accepted as the cornerstone of this republic, the declaration that all men are created equal.

Consider the prayer of our first President. He prayed first for divine protection for the United States. Next for the willingness of Americans to submit themselves to the laws which they themselves should make, to the will of the majority, and lastly he prayed that they have brotherly affection and love for one another as fellow citizens. By submission to law, Washington did not mean blind subservience. His formula left room for laws to be tested, to be subject to repeal, to be put to a high and supreme authority to establish their justice. Those rights come under our procedures as Washington understood them.

Here was no mention of creed, race or color. Here were drawn none of the differentiating lines of the old World. He prayed to the Father of all mankind that His children might recognize their kinship and display the spirit of brotherhood.

Our need for brotherhood is even greater today than it was when the republic was founded. If we are to survive as a nation, if we are to take our proper place in the world of nations, we must have brotherhood — not a condescending charity toward those whose ancestry, faith or work is different than ours, but a whole hearted acceptance of the kinship of all right thinking men, of the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. America is made up of all races and creeds, but Americans to be true Americans, must respect individuals for what they are individually, regardless of color or creed.

The strength of brotherhood is the strength of love. If we as individuals cannot get along with our neighbors, how can we ever hope to live peaceably with other nations. Prejudice and bigotry are the subterfuge and the foundation of all wars.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Vice President
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(Editor's Note: On the appeal of Mr. Gosser, many people will express their views through the column "Regional Views" pertaining to the pension plan. Among those are Lou Carliner, Detroit Educational Editor who will contribute views by writing in this column. Mr. Gosser decided to do this to give all those an opportunity with worth while material to express their views on the pension plan.)

This Is About Pensions

YOU SEE, pensions are more than justice to the older fellows. They are a necessity for the younger fellows.

More than 10 per cent of the population of the U. S.—more than 13 million people are now over 60. And we are getting older each year.

At the same time 600,000 young men and women finish school each year, finish school and begin to look for jobs.

For two or three years, 400,000 veterans are going to finish school and start looking for jobs.

Now during the last year these new people who have been looking for jobs have been piling up. Unemployment has been rising.

And it will keep on rising, unless two things happen.

First, the older people have got to be retired to make way for younger people. To open up jobs at the bottom of the ladder. And to provide for promotions all the way up the ladder.

Second, you can't sell automobiles, or refrigerators, or food, or anything unless people have purchasing power.

Bigger profits for the rich won't do the trick—because the rich already buy everything they need. Their profits are running out of their ears.

So we have to provide for the fair and decent and orderly retirement for older people by giving them pensions. Pensions will provide purchasing power. Pensions will open up jobs.

You see an unemployed man is a man without purchasing power. He can't spend the money that keeps another man working, or that provides a farmer with a market for what he raises.

By giving the older people pensions, you provide them with purchasing power to keep younger people working.

By opening jobs for young people, you give them jobs and purchasing power—jobs to produce what we need, purchasing power to keep everyone employed.

These Toledo millionaires would commit suicide by leading us into another depression if we would let them. But we aren't going to let them.

Pensions make sense. Pensions are our right. We aren't taking anything less than pensions this time. Because we are organized—solid.

Inside Region 2-B

By Charles Ballard
Director Region 2-B UAW-CIO

REMEMBER when you were a kid in school and there was a fight on the playground.

There was one fellow who would stand around and shout, "go on hit him, knock his block off." He was the most bloodthirsty kid in the school—when someone else was doing the fighting.

Now we have the same thing happening in Toledo.

The banks and insurance companies and couple of kibitzers from outside Toledo are standing around telling the companies here in Toledo, "go on, slug it out with the people. Gouge their eyes out. Hit them with everything."

C. E. Wilson has come in from his farm outside Detroit to give the Toledo companies a pep talk, "keep up the good fight," he says, "give them one for me."

The big insurance companies have sent in their front-line agitators to steam the Toledo companies up.

For eight years we have been able to take care of our problems in Toledo. The workers in Toledo through the UAW and the companies have negotiated workable contracts and have won a nation-wide reputation for good labor relations.

Now these outside big business agitators are blowing into town with their subversive propaganda and are trying to stir Toledo companies into taking on the people of Toledo for all-out fight.

C. E. Wilson and the Aetna Insurance Company, of course, are willing to fight this thing out until the last Toledo company has gone bankrupt.

But you would think these Toledo companies have more sense than to fight someone else's battles. It happens this fight is not against the people in the UAW alone. This is a fight the Big Monopoly Corporations are waging against all the people in the country.

After all what is the issue in Toledo today?

Very simple.

Pensions. The issue is simply, should a man be allowed to die of slow rot and thin soup starvation after he has worked a lifetime in the factories of Toledo?

The newspapers and the Save the Payroll Committee carefully avoid talking about this issue.

Just as hard and as slyly as they can, they talk about everything in the world except pensions.

Right now there are about 2700 men and women in Toledo who are too old to work and too young to die.

The issue is: should these people be condemned to living on the $27 a month they may be able to get from the Federal Social Security Administration?

Or should they give up what little property they have and take a pauper's oath to accept a $20 a month Ohio Pension?

Or are they human beings and are they entitled to live through the autumn of life in dignity and modest comfort?

The UAW-CIO says they are human beings entitled to humane treatment—$100 a month pensions.

Mr. C. E. Wilson who will collect a $25,000 a year pension when he is too old to work and too young to die says, "poor relief is good enough for them."

The Toledo companies and the Toledo Blade apparently have been hypnotized into thinking that this fight against the defenseless aged workers of the city is a Holy Crusade.

Pretty soon, however, they are going to come out of the trance. They are going to discover they have propagandized themselves behind an eightball.

After all it will stick in a man's mind for a good long time that the companies in Toledo thought so little of the people of Toledo that they would be willing to fight a major war to prevent old people from getting a pension.

We will get the pensions. The companies will reap the harvest of bitterness that they have sown in this propaganda whirlwind.

Mr. C. E. Wilson by then will have retired to his estate outside Detroit.

And he won't share his hot toddies, bought out of his $25,000 a year pension, with the companies that will be drinking the bitter dregs of a pointless and stupid lost fight.

Lost fight, of course, because we can't lose on this issue.

Pensions will come as certainly as the eight hour day came, or seniority came ,or unemployment compensation came.

The Issue Is PENSIONS Not Union Leaders

America Is PENSION CONSCIOUS; So Is Toledo PENSION CONSCIOUS

Common Sense Dictates a PEACEFUL Solution to This Serious Problem!

The UAW-CIO is not seeking Utopia. Our 50,000 members in Region 2B have no fantastic dream about pie in the sky. They are realists, taking a realistic look into the future. They know there's no Fountain of Youth. And as the grip of old age becomes firmer, their plant seniority means less in terms of future security.

You have been told the area pension plan will wreck Toledo. We know it will not. The non-union member hasn't been told defeat of our collective bargaining aims will cost him money --- in tax dollars applied to relief costs. We know that it will.

Delaying tactics of the employers is costing the UAW membership $28,000 a day in pension funds. And they would be happy to continue that savings every day in the future, passing on to the tax-payers, union and non-union, the increasing burden of public relief.

During the lush war years, we thrived in a false economy. Welfare homes were almost forgotten. Many retired persons were urged into re-employment to help the war effort. Everybody had a job. But those days are gone. Today, with upwards of 20,000 Toledo workers already walking our streets vainly searching for jobs they cannot find, most of these people are "through for good." You know that in most industries if you have reached the "ripe old age" of forty, you are no longer wanted. Suddenly you're "too young to die, but too old to work."

Voters of Lucas County last November levied a special real estate tax to provide a new Old Folks Home. And unless sound pension programs are put into effect, the poor-house population can easily increase within the next few years to the point that other such facilities will be required from public tax funds.

There are approximately 2,700 UAW members alone in Toledo who will be eligible for retirement this year under our proposed area-wide pension plan. These are the fellows who have worked 25 years or more in our various industries. What will happen to these folks? Are they the ones who will find themselves in the poorhouse? Something will have to be done about them, for it's a cinch they won't be able to live on $26 per month that they will eventually receive from our Federal Old Age Pension and Social Security Fund.

We know that the area-wide pension plan, proposed by the UAW, would make these folks financially independent through the last remaining years of their lives.

Furthermore, the Health and Welfare program proposed by the UAW in conjunction with our pension program, would adequately provide for them in case of illness.

Whatever we may think, all of these folks --- and many, many more --- are potential charges of the new Old Folks Home unless we win the fight for pensions.

We feel that you, who -- in the main -- produce and buy the products of industry, should not be made to pay delayed industrial depreciation costs. We know that industry extracts from its markets sufficient profits to provide for the replacement of its physical assets . . . its buildings and machines. We believe the day is at hand when industry should provide for its own "human" machines . . . the workers.

You've heard and read a lot of propaganda about "higher production costs" forcing industry out of Toledo, and keeping new industry from coming---if the proposed Pension and Social Security Program should be adopted.

If we were to accept this "argument" --- we would have to agree never to ask for any improvements in our wages and working conditions again. Instead of going forward -- as we have throughout the years -- we would be going backward to a lower and lower standard of living.

Toledo industries, despite their perpetual cry about "high production costs," have been earning profits equal to the profits of industries anywhere in the country. And now, with pension and welfare costs being assumed by industries all over the country, how will the adoption of such a program right here in Toledo place our industries at a disadvantage?

The problem boils down to the cold blooded fact that Toledo business concerns -- especially those that have been earning the greatest profits -- want more profits . . . bigger profits and they're afraid they won't be able to do that if they agree to our pension plan.

Our proposed program, costing 12 cents per hour, will not wreck Toledo. It will build Toledo. It will bring about a feeling of security and happiness within the ranks of our workers.

That in turn will result in good, sound and peaceful labor relations. It will do away with strife, and by doing that, it will raise the productivity of our people.

That will more than pay for the 12 cents per hour increase in labor cost.

We've wasted a lot of time already. Too much, in fact.

The UAW-CIO is now in negotiations with a dozen or so local concerns on our proposed program. is sound and modest. It is not revolutionary . . . not untried. Millions of workers are already covered by pensions and welfare programs. The workers in Toledo shall also be covered. We only hope that this humane and worthy goal of our union will be reached peacefully and without the bitterness that preceeded agreements in the Steel and Coal industries . . . not to mention the Chrysler situation.

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In Our Opinion

by HOWARD REDIGER
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OCCASIONALLY one meets a worker who feels he does not need an adequate pension. He has an idea he is secure and his financial status will never change. But in this situation we find many employers and financiers who are more realistic than the average worker. Why do many of the big-wigs of industry have pensions set aside for themselves? Only for one main reason; if adversity overtakes them by some unforseeable situation they feel they will have enough in pensions to keep them well and happy.

I am sure all of us have seen workers well off today but they may be destitute in the matter of months or years. Misfortune may overtake any of us at any time. There can be sickness of some loved one in the family and the sickness can extend over a period of months and years and we wind up broke, losing everything we have. Not a nice thing to think about but it does happen.

A few hundred dollars doctor bill ruins the average family financially and the situation is still worse if the bread winner is sick over a long period and must run up the bills. That's a double dose. Then to make it still worse we have very few friends when we are down and out financially.

Some families can go for years and never have a serious illness, then as the father and mother are approaching their sixties everything seems to go wrong. In a matter of months they are down and out, can't work, savings are dwindling or all gone. If they are lucky enough to have good children the kids might take care of them. Please notice I said "might." But the kids would be more receptive to taking care of the parents if mom and dad had an adequate pension coming in each month.

None of us should sit back and think that we will not need help in our old age. It is difficult to see into the years ahead. This is where the area pension plan can serve the UAW members in and around Toledo. The money is set up in a trust fund and is there to serve the workers who participate. If you or your family are sick, under the area pension plan, you will be well taken care of under the area Health Security program. It is a sad sight to see workers lose their automobile, home and furniture, in fact everything they have, because they have been overtaken by some major sickness or operation. This happens often right here in Toledo and it can happen to you.

You may work like the dickens, balance your budget, but you cannot balance misfortune. As this article is written the UAW-CIO is passing out to all UAW plants a condensed report of The Area Pension Plan. This pamphlet gives the main and essential points of the plan and can be read completely in 15 minutes. For hospital bills, doctor bills, sickness, and accidents, you will find an execllent coverage for the whole family. By Monday, February 6th all UAW plants should have the Condensed Report.

The press in our city have led some persons to believe there is something sinister about the area pension plan. It is my candid opinion that no citizen can read either the condensed report of the plan or the full 65 page report without feeling the plan has tremendous merit not found in other pension plans. I know you will come to the same conclusion regardless of all the past propaganda peddled in the last several months.

Our membership and the citizens of Toledo know the difference between construction and obstruction, between proposing and opposing. The people are not misled by a lot of double talk and maligning of union leadership but on the other hand will support adequate, just pensions and a health security program for all the family.

More Power For President To Fight Depressions Proposed

By NATHAN ROBERTSON
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WASHINGTON (LPA)—One of the most important recent developments here, which is likely to be reflected in the annual report of the Joint Congressional Economic Committee, is toward a more flexible tax and spending policy that would give the President more authority to fight booms and busts.

Such authority was recommended to the Economic Committee by its subcommittee headed by economist Senator Paul Douglas (D., Ill.) and was strongly endorsed in hearings on the economic report by some of the country's leading economic scholars and thinkers.

Under such a plan the President might be given authority to raise or lower tax rates by a few percentage points to meet changing economic conditions and to raise or lower the rate of spending for such things as roads and other public works.

Such authority would mark a sharp departure from tradition because Congress has always kept a very tight control over taxing and spending policies. But the need for such flexibility has grown recently because of two factors:

1. A growing recognition that economists are not yet able to forecast economic conditions in advance with certainty.

2. A growing recognition that government taxing and spending policies should be keyed to economic conditions and subject to more rapid change than normal legislative processes permit.

Many economists are forecasting an economic downswing for the second half of this year. If it should develop swiftly after Congress quits it might be impossible to make the necessary changes in government taxing and spending policies, under present laws, in time to avert serious trouble.

But if the President had authority from Congress he could counteract a downswing with positive action that might avert serious consequences. He could, for instance, lower tax rates so that under our current collection system the public's buying power would be increased almost overnight. At the same time, if he had authority from Congress, he could cut sales taxes on many commodities and thus make them cheaper for the public to buy. Together, these measures might result in enough new buying power to counteract a deflation and prevent widespread unemployment.

Under present law, however, even if economists agreed that both of these measures were necessary it might take Congress months to act. Revenue bills, even those cutting taxes, are among the slowest to move through Congress. And when tax increases were needed during the recent inflation, the President found it impossible to get them approved.

The only flexibility of this kind Congress has ever given the executive was in last year's housing bill, when it provided for changing the rate of home construction according to economic conditions. But this alone is not enough to have much effect on the economy. Similar provisions in other laws are needed, and needed badly.

Several of the economists who testified before the Economic Committee last week, headed by Professor Paul J. Strayer of Princeton University, recommended such flexible power for the President. Strayer said government power to act quickly in the face of depression would increase business confidence.

The Douglas subcommittee in recommending more flexible legislation emphasized the unreliability of economic forecasting. It noted that there is a certain "automatic flexibility" in our present laws because as business conditions decline tax revenues also go down, while unemployment benefits and assistance to farmers tend to increase. But it said this was not enough to meet a serious inflation or depression.

The purpose of these proposals for more flexible laws is to arm the government with all the ammunition possible for maintaining full employment without waiting for serious inflations or deflations to develop. These plans are in line with the philosophy of the full employment law, but they are not likely to be enacted without strong pressure from labor and other groups which supported that legislation.

Congress is not only jealous of its prerogatives, but its economy bloc will strongly oppose any legislative proposals that would let the President unbalance the budget—even to fight depressions. Although economists and many businessmen are agreed that this is necessary, Congress is not yet convinced. There are still members of Congress who think the most important thing in the world is a balanced budget.

Professor Seymour Harris of Harvard told the Economic Committee such men are suffering from a public debt "neurosis" and that this neurosis was dangerous for the country. But this neurosis takes a long time to cure. It would be quicker to elect new Congressmen next fall.

Reuther, Matthews Issue Statement On Chrysler Strike

Walter P. Reuther, UAW-CIO president, and Norman Matthews, director of the UAW-CIO Chrysler department is sued the following statement today:

After six months of negotiations the Chryeler workers have been forced on strike because the Chrysler Corporation has refused to accept its responsibility to its workers and the people of our community.

The arrogant and stubborn attitude of the Chrysler Corporation has forced this strike upon its workers. The issues are strong and clear. They were set forth in the Union's proposal of Monday, Jan. 23.

The Chrysler workers and their union were prepared to call off the strike if the corporation would meet the established pattern of 10 cents an hour—either in form of 6 cents for pensions and 4 cents for a hospital-medical program or in some other combination that would provide Chrysler workers with a guaranteed adequate pension program and a hospital-medical program or a flat wage increase of 10 cents per hour. The union was willing to arbitrate any technical problems unresolved after 30 days of further negotiations. The Chrysler Corporation rejected this proposal outright.

Among the reasons that make Chryslers proposal completely unacceptable to the union are the following:

1. Despite the highest profits in its history. the Chrysler Corporation continues to refuse to meet the established 10 cents per hour economic pattern which has been accepted by a large section of American industry.

2. The Chrysler pension proposal costs the company less than 3 cents per hour.

3. The plan does not provide for the establishment of a trust fund. No provision is made for the setting aside of earmarked funds to guarantee payment of pension benefits.

4. The company can cancel the plan after five years and the worker who reaches age 65 even one day after date of cancellation receives no benefits.

5. Eligibility rules are rigged with numerous "jokers" which will deprieve thousands of workers with long years of continous service of any pension benefits. This is true with respect to both past years of work and future years if work (Examples attached).

6. The Corporation's proposal denies the workers any voice in the administration of the plan.

7. The company insists on forced retirement regardless of the individuals wishes.

8. The Chrysler Corporation's proposal provides minor improvements on life and disability insurance representing less than 1 cent in cost and makes no provision whatsoever of payment by the company of hospital and medical benefits for Chrysler workers and their families.

9. The Chrysler Corporation offers its inadequate and unsound proposal conditioned upon the union's extending the present Collective Bargaining Agreements for a period of 5 years. This would deny the Chrysler workers the opportunity to negotiate much-needed improvements with respect to seniority, grievance procedure, wage inequities, union security and other beneficial contract changes until 1955.

The Union's proposal to spend 6 cents for pensions would make it possible to give the workers better benefits, reasonable elegibility rules and an established acturially sound, guaranteed plan.

The Union's proposal would earmark 4 cents to provide the broadest possible hospital-medical protection for workers and their families.

The Corporation admits that the question of its ability to pay is not an issue in this dispute. Its representatives in collective bargaining state frankly that the demands of the Chrysler workers can be granted easily without working any financial hardship on the company.

The corporation does not dispute the fact that it has provided generous pensions for its highly-paid executives when they retire. But its representatives stubbornly insist they will not provide a guaranteed, acturially sound pension program for the men and women who make Chrysler products. Further, they say flatly they will not provide one cent for any kind of hospital-medical coverage for Chrysler workers and their families.

The corporation says that it will agree to pay pensions to workers who retire in the next five years. But it reserves the right to cancel that program at the end of five years which means that a worker who reaches the age of 65 one day after the five-year pension contract expires will not receive one penny in pension benefits if the company refuses to renew the pension contract.

The corporation refuses to set up an actuarially sound trust fund for the purpose of assuring pension benefits to all workers.

The tragic experience of the mine workers clearly demonstrates the need for an actuarially sound pension plan and trust fund to asure that benefits will be guaranteed.

A company, which reluctantly agrees to a pension plan in the first place, and then only for five years, can be expected to chisel or "jerk the string," if possible, at a later date. Chrysler's five-year "promise to pay" plan is no guarantee to the Chrysler workers that the corporation will renew the pension agreement after the initial five years. The union insists that the pension plan negotiated now be **nailed down** so that Chrysler cannot jerk the rug out from under the Chrysler workers.

The corporation will not permit the workers voice in the administration of the pension program by establishment of a joint board of trustees on which the union would have equal representation with management. The corporation insists on the sole right to make all administrative decisions and to say who shall get pensions, and when, and how much.

The forcing of this strike on the Chrysler workers by the Chrysler corporation is typical of the way this company operates. Except in wartime, Chrysler workers have seldom been able to win any important concessions from management without resorting to strike action.

Chrysler workers are now compelled to win by strike action what any reasonable management would have granted without the need for strike action. In 1948 the corporation forced its employees to strike for wage increase. Before they struck, the corporation refused to pay even one penny in wage increases. When the strike was settled, the corporation paid 13 cents an hour. The 1948 strike could have also been averted if the corporation had offered the 13 cents increase before the strike occurred.

The current strike will be settled as soon as the Chrysler Corporation is prepared to act in good faith and accept the 10 cent pattern. There can be no moral or economic justification for a continuation of the corporation's refusal to meet the reasonable demands of the Chrysler workers. In this fight the Chrysler workers have the full support of their International Union and the 1,000,000 members of the UAW-CIO. We are confident that justice shall prevail and we shall win.

Examples of how the "jokers" in the corporation's pension proposal would deny workers with long years of continuous service any pension benefits:

1. Here is an actual example that was brought up in the final negotiating session Tuesday night. Worker X has 28 years of continuous service with the Chrysler Corporation. He started at the Highland Park Plant in 1922. In 1931 he was transferred to the Jefferson Plant where he worked until 1934. Then he was transferred back to the Highland Park Plant where he worked until he was laid off in 1937. In November 1938 he was called back to Highland Park but then sent to Plymouth. After two years there he was laid off in 1939. He was called back to Highland Park in 1940 where he has worked ever since. Under the company's proposal, Worker X has only 10 years of service credit toward his pension. Despite the 28 years of continuous service he has devoted to the Chrysler Corporation he would have to work another 15 years—a total of 43 years—in order to collect the $100 pension which the Chrysler Corporation would have its workers believe it would pay after 25 years of service.

2. A man hired in a Chrysler Plant in January 1938 and who worked continuously through January 1953 and who is laid off for a period of two years loses all of his 15 years of service credits. Upon his recall to work he would start as a new employee as far as his rights under the pension plan are concerned. This would require his working 25 additional years unless he has a two year break during that period in which case he would again lose all of his service credits.

Gompers Stamp Issued

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The Samuel Gompers three cent memorial stamp was issued Jan. 27, the 100th anniversary of Gompers' birth. At a ceremony in Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson's office, President William Green of the AFL and Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin were tendered albums of the new issue. A third album was accepted by a CIO aide on behalf of CIO President Philip Murray, who could not be present. Gompers, born in London in 1850 was president of the AFL from its founding in 1886 until he died in 1924, except for a year in the '90s.

Collectively Speaking

By NORMAN MEILINK

OLD TIMER SERIES
GROCERY DELIVERY BOY, PART 3

UNHITCH the horse, water and feed him, make up his bed, lock the barn, go in and sweep out the store, put stock away, haul out the junk, this goes on for 6 days a week. I am still at the store and I don't get fired till next week so as long as I am still working here I want to tell you about one of our other customers.

Well, this man was one of those easy-going kind—the ones that always take one drink too many and as long as the other guy says, "I'll buy." Joe Says, "All right, but this is the last one." It sure was one night, because Joe landed right in our grocery store. Don't forget, he had to cross the railroad tracks and wade in snow up to his neck. How he got that far, nobody knows. He was really lit up and burning his candle at both ends. When he hit that warm air he went out like a light.

I was just about ready to go out in the barn and bring in a bale of straw and make up his bed, same as I did for the horse. By this time the Boss was pulling his own hair. Here we had a drunk, one of our customers, lying on the floor in our grocery store, stiff as an icicle and we still had to wait on customers. What a mess. Finally he started to breath again and we got him up on his feet. Then it started all over again. "Just one more drink, then I'll go home to my wife and kids." This was the first time that I knew he was married. You don't have to be married to get drunk. That gave the Boss an idea. He sure was a smart Boss. He spoke about going home. The Boss said, "I will talk to him. You know we can't let him go home alone, if he ever fell down he would be under two feet of snow and before someone found him he would freeze to death and I would lose a good customer. So you go out in the barn, hitch up the horse and take him home."

I go out and unlock the barn, harness the horse, hitch up the wagon (I sure did a lot of hitching) and park in front of the store. We couldn't go out the back way, we didn't have room enough to drag him down the steps. Well, that all done, I go back in the store, the Boss still trying to convince Joe he should let me take him home to his wife and children. All that he would say is, "I donwana go home," and we still had to wait on customers. The Boss said, "Joe if you let the kid take you home, I will give you one nice big shot." The drunk finally agreed to the deal and he gave him a shot that was sure a shot, he stretched out and was as stiff as a poker. If he ever gave the horse a shot like that the old horse would roll over on his back, then we would have had two drunks on our hands.

Now here is where we go to work. We dragged our customer, the drunk, out the front door (and the church was just across the street, but this was Saturday and not Sunday) so we rolled him through two feet of snow. That's right, I hadn't cleaned off the walks. By the time you unlock the barn, feed and water the horse, hitch up the wagon, deliver three grocery routes, build the fire, sweep out the store, carry out the junk, and wait on trade, you don't has much time to clean off sidewalks. I only work till 9:30 P. M., this is a short day, sometimes I work till 10:00 P. M.

We got the drunk, our customer, as far as the back end of the wagon. Did you ever try to get a dead horse in a wagon in two feet of snow? This drunk had more legs and arms than I ever saw on any man. You would have had less trouble with an Octopus.

We finally got him loaded. We loaded a drunk that was already loaded. That darn thing don't make sense, but there he was and we had to load him. There he was, with his head hanging out. If this drunk had two heads, we would be in a mess. The Boss looked things over and here is what he found out. This drunk, our customer, was a head longer than the wagon. Now you see what I meant when I said that if he had two heads we would be in a mess, and we sure was in far enough then.

But my Boss is a smart guy—he sure was, and he said, "I will hold up the end gate, you go around and back up the horse." Boy, that did it. I backed up the horse so far we almost shoved the front o fthe wagon out.

We got our package all loaded with a drunk that was loaded, and I was ready to take off on my way to deliver this load to his wife and kids and I haven't had any supper yet and neither has the horse. I turned around to say good-bye to the Boss and I can't see him. There was something wrong here, the package was still in the wagon as I walked around. "Hey Boss." Then I heard it, "Get this darn wagon off of me, you so-and-so." Now I thought my Boss was sure a good lyer, I thought he was trying to kid me. Well, I know by now that he was in no mood to kid, there he was, flat on his back in two feet of snow, under the wagon.

I didn't need any Salvation Committee to tell me that someone was figuring on Saving His Payroll, right then and there.

Inside America

(Written by the staff of The CIO News)

HOW MUCH profit does it take to satisfy a big corporation?

Plenty, if you're to judge by the statements of Ben Fairless, head of U. S. Steel. Testifying before a Congressional Committee, Fairless said:

"In my opinion, U. S. Steel has not made a fair return on its sales or investment at any time during the last 20 years."

Fairless wouldn't say precisely how much profit is "fair"—but he hinted that the big steel company sure enjoyed 1927. That year, it made close to 27% profit on its investment!

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Brubaker of USA-CIO figures that steel price rise will bring in an additional $264,000,000 a year into coffers of steel industry. At same time, industry is saving about $400 million a year because of lower price of scrap metal—used in steelmaking—and another $50-$80 million through lower price for fuel oil and nonferrous metals.

All in all, it looks as though steel industry is heading for another year of super profits.

Bethlehem, for instance, has announced record-breaking profits for 1949 and says outlook is rosy.

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Keep an eye on CIO Communications Workers' drive to get long needed improvements in wages, pensions, working conditions from Bell 'phone system.

Union is fed up with continuous run-around handed out by 'phone company officials; corporation likes to pass the buck from operating branches throughout nation to AT & T headquarters in New York, and back again.

CWA has been negotiating for weeks with several Bell subsidiaries—and can't get anywhere. Companies even turned down appeal from six southwestern governors to accept CWA plea for voluntary arbitration.

Now, with steady rebuffs coming from Mother Bell, CWA is talking of strike. If it materializes during February, it will affect every city and town in the nation.

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Bell system employes have many grievances — though you'd never guess it to read 'phone companies' cheerful advertising.

Did you know that:

* 'phone company employes wage rates have slipped from ninth to 25 among those of big industries?

* 'Phone company runs "phony" apprentice set-up; it takes eight long years on the job to reach full-pay category.

* 'Phone company set-up has spent 4½ billion dollars on new equipment in recent years — and that 100,000 'phone workers may lose jobs to automatic equipment unless present work week is shortened to 35 hours?

These are things that worry telephone workers, and have determined their union to strike unless Bell starts real collective bargaining.

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Under provisions of CIO Constitution adopted at '49 convention, unions can be expelled from CIO by Executive Board if they're found to follow Comunist policies rather than those of CIO.

Before acting on four unions, Board will give careful study to reports of two CIO hearing committees which have heard evidence pro and con in each case.

California CIO Council had its charter revoked late in January by CIO President Phil Murray.

Murray acted after getting report from three-man committee headed by CIO Vice-President Allan S. Haywood. Committee found state Council has "wilfully and repeatedly defied and opposed CIO policy"; "publically allied itself with the political program of the Communist Party"; "recklessly interfered . . . in affairs of the CIO local and international unions"; used its official paper to "create disunity, division and disruption" in CIO unions throughout the state.

Charges against Council were filed in October by spokesmen of most of leading unions in state. Now, Phil Murray has asked a group of 20 from these unions to form new Council that will win wide support from California CIO members.

National Supply Unit News

By DEAK and DOCK

"Wanted"—one pair of Missouri mules to pull my car so it will start these cold mornings. See Dutch Hoffman, Dept. 44. He thought mules were standard equipment with that make car. It should be named "Mule Train."

The slave maestro of Dept. 43, Cliff Robinson, spends more time on the telephone than he does on the job, while the smile on his face when talking, makes you wonder if its always Co. business.

Is a certain committeeman doing some knob polishing to get back on the rig job, eh, Ed?

Candid comment: There would be a lot more joint bank accounts if wives weren't so quick on the draw.

Gus Zimmerman sitting beside stranger in restaurant, Stranger orders cup of coffee and dumps five spoons of sugar in it and then just let it set. Gus says: "Why don't you stir it?" Stranger says, "I don't like it sweet."

"Vice President Jack Livingston speaks." Huge profits by the "FAT CATS" in industry workers are getting tired of this thing and they want some of these profits. In the good old coming spring, labor wins from General Motors. Pension plan plus a wage increase "believe it or not"—the union shop GM earnings first ¾ of '49 at $1.80 an hour per worker, and if the last quarter shows as good it would make $669,000,000 after taxes for the year. We wonder what the dear old N. S. Co. makes per hour on its workers? They sure don't pay any worker that much per hour.

Now we've heard everything. Stanley Ostopwitcz's sons bought their dad & mother a Television set, now Stan won't take his wife out at all.

Whitey Lang is still playing "I spy" and watching everybody in the other Depts. as well as his own.

Louie Angel, another one of the men in Dept 44, back on his old job running a drill press again. elcome back Louie.

Slicker Sullivan must be tired or getting old. You don't see him around the shop as often. Could it be that he is actually planning to go west?

The loudest screaming of the week was done by Al Carnes, it seems as tho his pal Rudolph the red nosed foreman double crossed him when his old job came up for bid. Remember Al that is what usually happens when you team up with supervision here.

Butch Bowers the "Mystic Knight of the Sea" is in awful shape, he can't caddy for Slicker, no gulfing, he can't take him fishing, no fishing, he can't take him hunting, no hunting. So all that's left to do is to have dinner for him. Does he still eat?

Dutch Hoffman evidently thinks its spring. He went out and picked up a lot of dew worms for bait, then when he tested the water he decided it was too cold for his boat. It's winter yet! Don't let one warm day fool you, Dutch. Whoa Mule!

There seems to be some dispute over Hot Rod McClouds title. Could it be Hayseed McCloud.

It seems a pity, those two night time-keepers have to do so much running around the shop. But why should Carl (The Ace) Weber give a skate whe he has his two one eyed Jacks securely on days.

Of all nights Shorty (Two by four) Fellers picked to walk home, it had to be Wed. Jan. 25, after a short stop at his favorite (The Garden) he was wet inside as out.

The National Softball champs, extend their thanks to Local 12 for the new jackets. Boy, they sure are snazzy.

It's reported, Slicker Sullivan didn't like to have his new car to be called a Ford, you know that old saying, a rose would smell just as sweet, by any other name, pray tell!! What makes an automobile any different. It was you, Slicker who put out those extra bucks for a few extra gadgets and a fancy name.

In the last issue we reported about Al & Johnny's coon hunt; in passing this story it was understood that Al had retrieved the coon from the creek, which isn't right. Al's mile chase was fruitless and we can't understand just why that coon ever floated when he was so loaded with lead.

Another coon hunter had promised a fellow a coon, who is now wondering if Floyd McVickers, Dept. 128, meant this year or,———. Oh well! it may be better to get it when I am on pension.

A few brain storms about the parking problem. Herb Grounds suggested the second trick change their starting time from 4 p.m. to 12 p.m. that is just leave out the lunch period. Or the Co. could buy a fleet of Crosleys for those who have to drive to work. Or let the men go out and repark their cars, or even if we could ride to work in a taxi and hand the Co. the bill. Then to, they could get additional parking space without crying their eyes out. Because of the expense, you see they spent about $75,000 for a parking space for about 20 cars.

Ed Merical (pusher in department 52) thought that he had his parking problem solved by parking in Provo's parking lot. Now Provo closes at 6 p.m. and has no patrons to supply parking for. But you know Provo, with that Hitler attitude he could park his big Buick on the side walk and his trucks across the side walk "forcing the men from the shop to walk in the street" without being molested by the Police Department but not Eddie's, he ordered his car towed away, and it cost him (Eddie) two bucks to retrieve it.

That reminds me, I must stop in at Provo's and get some scraps for my dog.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to one of our fellow workers and a swell guy, Ken Tebary, who has recently lost his wife.

I hear that Frank (The Chiseler) Jones has traded his new Ford in on a new Buick already. Did he think that a Ford would not fit his station in life?

Was present at the Credit Union meeting last week and never have been to a better handled meeting and the food and the refreshments were out of this world, thanks to Dutch Schleibner and a vote of thanks to the magician who gave a grand performance, didn't he Al McKay?

We heard some boys from the shop had a good time at the stag party last Friday nite, any information on this Carl?

Deak & Doc

Acklinite

By LEWIS MATTOX

The Acklin Unit Election will be held Feb. 11, at Local 12, time 11 A. M. to 5 P. M. There are a large number of capable candidates running for office and it looks like a large turnout.

On the Ball—A few weeks past I happened to drop in for a few minutes at the Auditorium to take a look at the night bowlers. I was just in time to see a couple of our keglers make almost identical shots, not knowing too much about the game, I was amazed to see Smokey and Frank roll the ball at the center pin which seemed to me dead center. There was a pin left on each side and at the end, I don't profess to know anything about bowling but would like an explanation from some of our sharp shooters, maybe Ollie. Joe Frank or Bernie can explain.

The above reminds me of a story told to me the other day which I will try to write down with some comments of my own.

It seems that Charley Beach worked at a plant here in town before the union was organized and there was a fellow in his group who always brought presents to his boss. This time it was a big pail of honey, so the boys started to kid the boss about the worker being his buddy. The Boss decided he didn't want it and offered the honey to some of the rest of the boys but he didn't tell the fellow not to bring any more. Now the sweet part of the story is that Charley had about 10 years with the company and the "Honey" boy about 8 months and when the lay off came Charley was told he was going to be laid off, so he asked the foreman about Honey and the Boss replied "He. Honey needs the work. Nice, and how.

Orchids for the week go to Pietrowski and Holewinski of the Nite Shift for their cooperation; also to Dukie Senior and Johnny D and his helper.

Real Facts Show Steel Industry Gouge

WASHINGTON (LPA) — After listening for several days to steel industry claims that it was impoverished by the Steelworkers-CIO pension demands, members of the Joint Congression Committee on the Economic Report heard a fact-packed reply by Research Director Otis Brubaker of the union. Payroll costs caused by pension improvements could be met without raising prices; the announced $4 a ton increase really was much higher than this, and will result in swelling already over-stuffed profits; despite industry claims, costs of materials have gone down, Brubaker showed.

Protests Layoff Of 5,000 By Pennsy

DETROIT (LPA — The Pennsylvania Railroad is putting dollars ahead of lives in cutting its maintenance force from 12,000 to 5,000, said T. C. Carroll, president of the Maintenance of Way Employes, in protesting to the railroad. He called the slash a peril to safety of the employes and the traveling public. The railroad said the move was made for "economy," but Carroll pointed out that the Pennsy made a profit of $34,463,472 in 1949.

Sparklets—*Champion Unit*

Ralph H. Young, Sec'y

Union Office, 1st Shift

The company doesn't believe in pensions for its employees. They don't seem to be consistent with the ads the Toledo To Save Payrolls Committee puts in the papers. At the last Friday meeting, the company offered nothing in the line of pensions, in fact, they, at one point, denied that they were even talking about pensions. We wonder, are pensions only reasonable when they are to be paid to "bigshots" who have been paid enough to retire without the extra money?? Is 25 years of earning profits for the company what we were born for??? To put it in plain words the company could say: When you are too old to work, drop dead and the union can pay pallbearers to help bury you. We don't believe the members of Champion Unit hold the same opinion as the company and before the issue is settled, they will show them how they feel about pensions.

English Borglin
Dept. D 1st Shift

Ted Theiss, gap setter, had the misfortune of being involved in an auto accident last week. Ted was not hurt, but considerable damage was done to his car.

Frank Dramczyk was also in an accident the same night, but Frank was less fortunate. He was taken to Toledo Hospital with severe face lacerations plus a badly damaged auto. Frank is now working in Dept. L but he was a supplyman in this department before going there.

We are all in deep sympathy at this time with the survivors of Ralph Lamson, who passed away at his home on Jan. 27th. He will be greatly missed by everyone who know him. Ralph, I am sure, did not have an enemy, his slogan was: "If you can't say something good about anyone, don't say anything at all." He really lived up to it. He was a swell guy.

Grace Krasniewski celebrated her birthday on January 24th and she does not look a day older than when I first know her about 10 years ago. Grace, by the way, was hnding out candy very way, was handing out candy very generously. Many more such

Dorothy Dusseau, now working on the Packing Machine, became a grandmother on January 21st. Congratultions, Dorothy.

Thank you to Jean Meek who gave another blood transfusion last week.

Lenore Rickard, inspector on line No. 3, birthdayed on January 25th. She was giving away candy and cake to her fellow workers but someone did not appreciate her generosity and about quitting time when Lenore was washing up to go home, one or more persons tied her pocketbook and umbrella to the table, where she works, with at least a mile of string. But "Happy-go-Lucky" Lenore, just laughed it off good-heartedly.

Some of the workers in this department took a collection for Harold Smith's new baby. With the money that was collected, they bought a lovely satin comforter and pad, Taylor-Tot Walker and a gold baby ring. What noble of you people, indeed. Mama and Papa were very delighted.

Pete Sabo, slide man, went home last Thursday, when some of the boys asked Pete where he was going, his reply was: "That he was going to the Federal building to be a "Vitness" for a fellow countryman who was to receive his citizenship papers on that day. Pete has worked when he was very sick and figured he couldn't afford to lay off, but in a case of doing a good deed, Pete's right in there pitching. Nice going, Pete. Good Bye, now, see you next week.

CHAMPION REEF FISHING CLUB DANCE ON FEBRUARY 11th.

Colonel Tarver
Dept. E 1st Shift

This week we take pleasure in saluting Marie Fear, who is celebrating her 25th wedding anniversary. Her husband George, works for the Drigg's Dairy and he thoughtfully provided a beautiful silver service to commemorate the occasion. Congratulations, Marie.

Robert Kurth arrived last week to take his place with the core tamping inspectors. We are happy to have you with us, Bob.

Helen Marks birthdayed on January 28th, Marcella Cottrell birthdayed on Jan. 19th, Irma Huard on Jan. 20th and Louise Foster on Jan. 26th. Happy birthday to each of you from your fellow-workers, who wish to convey their greetings through this column as a surprise to you.

Alexander Spychalski, known as Al to his friends, and who is at present quietly and efficiently serving as detail man on the silliment section, celebrated his birthday last week. He had two birthday cakes to honor it. One came from his wife (and a very good baker she is. RHY) and the other from his fellow-workers. Congratulations, Al.

Bessie Cary has served Champion faithfully and well for 17 years. She is a time clerk and instructress. Sincere good wishes, Bessie.

Since Irene Cameron bid on plug tampers, she does not know whether she is coming or going. You'll come out of it alright, Irene. Good luck.

Mildred Gray, Midge to you, is another of our department clerical staff. Midge has worked for Champion since 1936. She uses precision methods in her work and once you contact her, you realize that she has no exaggerated opinion of her own importance and this is what she endeared her to her co-workers. Nice going, Midge.

Mary Wood, whose husband is a city policeman, found a battered safe in her back yard a few days ago which was stolen from some doctor. Certainly no suspicion attaches to this honorable couple, but how do you explain Mary's absence on the very day the Brink's safe was relieved of a cool million??

While I dislike to go into Bob Smith's domain for any news item, here is an exciting reference to one Harold Ness that I couldn't resist reporting. It seems that Harold, on Jan. 21st, took elaborate pains to see the good-looking baby sitter that his sister-in-law had engaged for that evening. Nice work, if you can get it, Harold.

CHAMPION REEF FISHING CLUB DANCE ON FEBRUARY 11th.

"Rigor Mortis"
Dept. AA 2nd Shift

We'll excuse our stock clerk, Al Philabaum's few minor errors lately—he's grandpaw again—so, of course, is Mildred (Dept. E days) a grandmaw of an 8 pound plus grandson. (You scooped the Colonel on this, "Rigor". RHY)

Joseph Grabowski tells us that he was married 42 years ago September 21st in Warsaw, Poland.

We're all glad to see "Had" Reed well again and back on his old job.

What is your opinion, J. S. V. (Authority on the subject) of all this patter in the press about the ability to predetermine the sex of an expected heir?? What good is it? What could prospective parents do about it? Demand a recount???

As we all know, last Thursday, February 2, ws Ground Hog Day. So I wonder if Doc Crone was out after the ground hog which he waited so patiently for last year in his garden. Were you, Doc?

Two committeemen paid us a visit the other nite—wonder if they were campaigning for re-election or visiting socially??

CHAMPION REEF FISHING CLUB DANCE ON FEBRUARY 11th.

Jim Vinson
Dept. D 2nd Shift

Friends of Earl Kramers will be sorry to learn of the unfortunate auto accident experienced by Mrs. Kramer and their little son while driving home from work Tuesday. Slippery pavement and sudden without warning stopping of a car ahead was the cause. Their son had seven stitches taken in his chin and the new Olds was badly damaged. The other car was only slightly damaged.

Yours truly couldn't get the jaloppy started Tuesday and was seven minutes late to work.

There were a number of very happy women Wednesday when they learned that their lay-off, scheduled for Friday, had been deferred. Made us feel happy for them, too.

Rita Rybarczyk will take an extended leave January 27th. If the stork brings a package half as sweet as Rita, it will be adorable. Best of wishes, Rita.

Welcome back to D are the following women; Eleanor Kucharski, Stella Bushey, Caroline Dressler, Geneivieve Kohn, Goldie Schwan, Alberta Ebeling, Helen Zielinski, Lillian Loveland, Florentine Helminski, Marie Kavish, Harriet Waddas and Louise Grzechowiak.

We realize that many of these women would prefer their former shift and department, but their ill luck is our pleasure in seeing them back.

A woman employee states that there is a sign in the women's restroom that reads:

"The party who lost her dress may call for it at the guardhouse." Heavens! Didn't she realize she was running around in only her slip?

Gladys Stephens will reach another mile stone in life's journey on Jan. 29th. We hope your birthday will be a happy one, Gladys.

According to the Holy Scriptures, God promised Noah that He would not again destroy the world with a flood. Why, then, does my friend, Ralph Morgan, feel that he needs a boat?

Alvina Urzikowski celebrated her birthday on Jan. 26th by passing around candy. She received a beautiful wrist watch from her boy friend.

That Minstrel Show idea that R. M. suggested is great. We'll advertise it by posters with a huge bottle on them, labelled: Come on Folks, Get a Shot of Vinson's Corn. Sample: R.M.: Y'all oughta git a job flyin' ehplanes!

J. S. V.: Why is I git a job like dat?

R. M.: Evabody say yo' ain't no good on earth!

Eva Stacey helped to entertain a couple of departing Knurlers last week and we're sorry for our oversight in failing to mention it.

Just before the bell, Friday night, Martha Stout had an attack of asthma requiring hospital treatment.

CHAMPION REEF FISHING CLUB DANCE ON FEBRUARY 11th.

George Cunningham
Millwrights 1st

Paul Justus, electrician and committeeman from Dept. H, has been confined to his home with the mumps. (Things have become quiet in the union office lately and believe me, we miss that booming voice. RHY)

Sorry to see Willard Miller, Head-millwright, again breaking out with a rash. Will was off work for 3 months with it before, two of which were spent in an Ann Arbor hospital.

Dept. H. was well represented at the Credit Union Dance. Attending were Tom Bohland, George Cunningham, Art Decker, Dale Irwin, Clem Jones, Walter McCammon and Frank Ness.

Art Decker wants to know why "Bozo" Hohenbrink needs two bulbs to replace one burnt out. Does one of them burn out before you leave the department, Bozo?

CHAMPION REEF FISHING CLUB DANCE ON FEBRUARY 11th.

Casper Andrews
Dept. K 1st Shift

Andy Beczynski is now the father of a ? year old girl. Yep, his son got married last week. Congratulations to the two Beczynski's

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The two Carls celebrated their birthdays on January 24th. Carl Noe and Carl Myers, that is. Carl Myers finished his birthday up swell by donating blood at the East Side Hospital and then was too tired to go out that evening.

CHAMPION REEF FISHING CLUB DANCE ON FEBRUARY 11th.

Robert Smith
Dept. E 2nd Shift

Yep, another birthday was celebrated by a young lady from the plug tampers, Beatrice Kubacki. Beatrice told your reporter when asked how she felt being 28 years old that she wasn't going to hide her age and that she was ready to go out and have a ——— of a good time. Which, evidently, is the reason her husband gave her a permanent for her birthday. Congratulations, Bea! Hope you have a lot more. (Permanents or birthdays? RHY)

No pensions, no raise, no steward time, no committee time, nothing! What does management want to do, throw the Union out? Sure looks like it in every respect. Well, we, the people, know and will make up our own minds as to what we want! We don't happen to be "yes-men" but also, we are not going to be led by "no-men", either. Let the lash fall where it may, we all are still human beings and deserve real security.

In case you folks occasionally see a "streak of blinding color" flash by you, don't be alarmed. It just happens to be that well dressed supplyman of the plug tampers, Carl Pfeister, going by with one of those loud shirts and a pair of loud socks. There couldn't be a loud colored shirt hidden in Toledo that Carl couldn't find, so I'm told. Now he is exploiting the field in and around the Toledo Area. We find out, now, that Swanton, Ohio, has the loudest clothing for sale. It's o. k., Carl, tell me where and what store, I like them myself.

We are very sorry to hear that one of our girls from silliment, Dolores Ovall, has her son in the hospital and that he has lukemia. We all hope everything turns out o. k., Dolores. We wish you and your family the best of luck and a very speedy recovery for little, 4 year old, Carl Dennis.

Here it is. The information on the Champion reef fishinf club dance.

Champion Reef Fishing Club

Round and Square Dancing and Polish music.

The Place: Harmonia Hall, Detroit at Belmont. February 11, 1950, 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., Freddies Swingtet Band. Plenty of refreshments.

Layton Wittenberg
Dept. A 2nd Shift

Little do we think, in our daily humdrum of living, of all the little things that it takes to make a home. It took a sickness and the loss of a week's wages for me to realize this. As I lay there burning up with fever, every bone in my body aching, the thought went through my mind of how many men are sick and have their wives waiting on them with hundreds of countless extra steps to get that glass of water, the medicine, the extra little food that might tempt the appetite, almost anticipating your every thought, all cares and worries put aside except that one thought in mind that their loved ones might get well.

I think the author (unknown) expressed it all in a few words in proposing a toast to his wife on her birthday and I quote:

"May she live to be a hundred
And that I live to be a hundred,
Too, less one day,
As I could not bear to wake up
that morning
And find she had gone!

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Position Is Everything

Acrobatic Vera-Ellen once again is teamed with Gene Kelly by M-G-M for the Technicolor musical "On The Town." Also heading the cast of the musical, which Kelly directed with Stanley Donen, are Frank Sinatra, Betty Garrett, Ann Miller and Jules Munshin.

Hopalong Cassidy To Sign With Paramount

HOLLYWOOD—Negotiations which have been under way between William (Hopalong Cassidy) Boyd and Paramount have reached a stage where contracts are being drawn up and probably will be finalized when he returns from New York later this month, it was announced recently by Paramount.

The contract provides for twelve Paramount pictures during six years. The present plan is for Boyd initially to co-star with Bing Crosby in a big scale outdoor film.

With the signing of Boyd, Paramount is assured the services of one of the most popular show business figures of modern times, equally as well known on the screen, in television and on the radio. And this marks Boydss return to the studio where he first entered films and made his mark on the screen.

Although he hasn's appeared before the cameras for the past three years, he has just been rated among the Top Ten western box-office stars in the Motion Picture Herald-Fame magazine poll by virtue of the popularity he established in the "Hopalong Cassidy" series which has been in release for almost 15 years.

Coumbia Takes Wraps Off "The Flying Fish"

With the U.S. Nay's announcement from Pearl Harbor concerning the launching of guided mssiles from submarines, Columbia Pictures was able to reveal the plot line of its forthcoming picture, "The Flying Fish," which deals with that subject. Eight months ago, producer S. Sylvan Simon went to Washington with Captain Harvey Haislip, writer, and was given Navy permission to proceed with the script of "The Flying Fish," on condition that the subject matter not be disclosed and the picture not released until further Navy approval was given. Now Simon, who has been working on the story for the past six months with Haislip and Richard Nash, has turned production over to Jerry Bresler but will continue to supervise the project. Technical phases of te film will be photographed at the Navy's new guided missile center at Point Mugu, California, where experiments have been proceeding for the past three years.

Gable Showered With Undershirts

HOLLYWOOD — Clark Gable could be the "Underwear King" of Hollywood if he chose — and all because of a scene in his new film, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Key to the City," in which Loretta Young is co-starred with him.

Since newspaper columns carried a report the actor will take off his shirt in a comedy sequence revealing he wears an undershirt, Gable has been deluged with gifts of undershirts from manufacturers throughout the country.

He has received five dozen shirts from half a dozen leading concerns in the East. The manufacturers seem intent on making up to the actor for the criticism they leveled at him when he took off his shirt in "It Happened One Night," some years ago, and revealed an undershirtless torso. They claimed other males rushed to emulate him, thus affecting their business.

Bump On Head Is Now Cyd's Hairdo

HOLLYWOOD — A bump on the head created a new coiffure for Cyd Charisse, during filming of M-G-M's dramatic love story "East Side, West Side," starring Barbara Stanwyck, James Mason, Van Heflin, Ava Gardner and Miss Charisse.

The actress was walking beside the camera while it focused on the face of Miss Stanwyck for a reaction shot.

Turning suddenly Cyd cracked her head against the camera boom, a blow which raised a bump at the point of contact. In order to hide the bump, a new coiffure was created—one which proved so attractive she has adopted it for off the screen use.

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STAGE—SCREEN—RADIO
By INEZ GERHARD

WHEN JOHN DEREK first came to work at Columbia for "Knock on Any Door," in which he shot to stardom, he said "I never knew a temperamental player to get anywhere. You don't have to worry about my getting that way." Perhaps the reason is that he was born in Hollywood, and that both his parents are actors. In New York to help publicize his new picture, the sensational "All the King's Men," Derek wanted to see the city, but got very little opportunity. Columbia press agents booked him so solidly for photo layouts and interviews, as well as for appearances on the radio, that he never really had any time for sightseeing.

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Donald Woods, popular leading man, joins Bing Crosby and a star-laden cast in "Mr. Music"; it's his first Paramount picture since he made "A Son Comes Home" with Mary Boland 12 years ago. In recent years Woods has been concentrating on radio—is currently being heard as wealthy "Richard Rhinelander" on "My Friend Irma." He plays another rich young man in "Mr. Music."

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Use of a helicopter as a traveling camera crane proved to be so effective for chase scenes in "They Live By Night" that RKO is now using one regularly as camera carrying equipment. In this case the plane also had its value as an aid to drama; it hovered over the players to create the feeling of a relentless fate pursuing them — and worked fine.

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Jane Greer will break away from dramatic and romantic roles in "The Richest Girl in Jail," an original comedy which has been bought for her by RKO. As a very rich girl who lands in a small-town jail she will be a comedienne.

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Marlon Brando spent his first three weeks after reporting in Hollywood for "The Men" at Birmingham Veterans Hospital, living with the paraplegics to get background for his role as a paralyzed veteran. He planned to live with an aunt in Eagle Rock afterward, not knowing it's too far from Hollywood. Stanley Kramer Productions had a problem—finding him an apartment.

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Billie Burke's only stipulation when she went to Columbia to appear in "And Baby Makes Three" was that there would be no barber chair in her dressing room. Last time she was on the lot she dressed in the studio barber shop. She maintains that they shot her through the picture and got her off the lot fast because of the line of disappointed, bearded men who were turned away!

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A piece of parchment, apparently very old, and containing a message from Napoleon, is an important prop in "The Inspector General." The prop man aged it by applying glycerine and rubbing it with dirt; an expert forged Napoleon's signature.

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Half of Hollywood spends a lot of time at Palm Springs, the fashionable desert resort. So Vincent Sherman, the director, took Joan Crawford, David Brian, Steve Cochran and the rest of the cast of "The Victim" there for a week's shooting. In the picture it will be called "Desert Springs." Local people, used to having stars under foot, were quite uninterested.

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Red Skelton is really superstitious about the things he thinks bring him good or bad luck. If one of his pictures has a highly successful preview, the CBS comic will wear the suit he wore to the showing until it's nearly threadbare.

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Joseph Julian, who plays the detective, "Sam Cook," on CBS's "Mystery Theatre," literally talks with his hands. By working his clasped hands, compressing air between them, he makes word-like sounds — you should hear his "Mary Had a Little Lamb"!

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The ladies of a church in Amarillo, Texas, have purchased from the hotel the dishes used by Robert Preston, star of "The Sundowners," while on location there. They will be auctioned at a church benefit as "Robert Preston's dishes."

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ODDS AND ENDS . . . While Milton Berle was punching Ransom Sherman in the jaw for "Always Leave The Laughing," his daughter Vickie was taking a swimming lesson from Sherman's daughter Ann, in Sherman's pool . . . Jim and Michael Frasco, aged 6 and 8, nephews of Spike Jones, have featured roles in Hal Wallis' "September" . . . June Haver thinks she's fated to be colorful; "The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady" is her 11th consecutive picture in Technicolor.

Columbia & DeRochemont Conclude Deal For Pictures

Under the terms of a contract just signed, Louis De Rochemont will produce motion pictures exclusively for Columbia Pictures during the next three years.

The contract is a three-way deal between, De Rochemont, and the Reader's Digest. Under the contract terms, properties selected for the production will be based on stories which have appeared in the Readers Digest or stories that are in contemplation for future publication.

DeRochement has agreed to produce six pictures over the three-year period, each of which is to be photographed against the actual backgrounds indicated in the stories.

DeRochemont is permitted under the terms of the deal if he so wishes, to continue making documentary and educational short subjects.

"My approach to these productions," stated DeRochemont on signing the contract, "is based on a journalistic pattern which I will attempt to keep as realistic and true to life as possible. By using stories out of real life and using actual live locations, I hope to heighten the illusion of reality."

The first picture he will make for Columbia will be a story with federal prison background under the title of "Dormitory 7."

Pictures produced by Mr. DeRochemont include "Lost Boundaries," "House on 92nd Street", "Boomerang," "13 Rue Madelaine," and "The Fighting Lady."

Top Roles Filled For "Fortunes Of Captain Blood"

Columbia yesterday signed Patricia Medina to co-star with Louis Hayward in "The Fortunes of Captained Blood" and set Dona Drake for the second feminine lead i nthe film version of the Rafael Sabatini novel. At the same time Lowell Gilmore was cast for a top featured role. Harry Joe Brown is producing and Gordon Douglas directing. Miss Medina was touring Italy with her husband Richard Greene when signed and flew immediately to this country to portray on the screen a Seventeenth Century Spanish beauty living in the Caribean. Recently she completed an important role in "Francis" at Universal-International. Miss Drake's selection for the part of the girl of mixed Spanish and native blood came after weeks of intensive testing of all available top actresses. She was last at Columbia in "The Doolins of Oklahoma." Gilmore's casting in the role of Hayward's romantic opposition marks a quick return to the Columbia lot where he recently completed a top spot in the John Derek-Diana Lynn starrer, "Roques of Sherwood Forest."

Roland Joins Silent Stars In New Role

HOLLYWOOD — Gilbert Roland, one-time matinee idol of the screen, has been selected by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for an important role in "Crisis," starring Cary Grant.

The actor joins a cast that already includes two other former leading men who were popular in the days of silent films. They are Ramon Novarro and Antonio Moreno.

"Crisis," is being directed by Richard Brooks from his own screen play and is produced by Arthur Freed.

Kelly's Co-Director Wins His Megaphone

HOLLYWOOD — Stanley Donen, co-director with Gene Kelly of "On The Town," one of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's biggest hits in recent years, has been signed to direct "Pagan Love Song," new Esther Williams-Howard Keel-Ricardo Montalban starring film. Arthur Freed produces.

While "Pagan Love Song" is Donen's first full-fledged directorial effort, he is not new to M-G-M. In addition to co-direction of "On the Town," he collaborated with Kelly as dance director on "Cover Girl" and "Anchors Aweigh," and co-authored the original story for "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Fighting Parson Role For McCrea

HOLLYWOOD — Joel McCrea's love for the land and for the freedom of the wide, open spaces gets full rein in M-G-M's dramatic, romantic "Stars in My Crown" — the story of a gun-totin' parson who brought peace and order to a lawless town in the turbulent times that followed the Civil War.

Teamed with him in the new film are Ellen Drew, Dean Stockwell, Alan Hale, Lewis Stone, James Mitchell and Amanda Blake.

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Capacity Crowd Attends Local 12 Basketball Games

Surface Combustion Edges W-O For Undefeated Standings

Local 12 members who attended the basketball games at Robinson Junior High School on Monday night, January 30, saw 10 teams in action in their fourth games of the season for both leagues.

In the first game in the National League, Plaskon had little trouble in overcoming Industrial Heat Treat 34 to 11. Bill Blankey was high man for the winners with 8 points to give Plaskon their second win of the season and to get an even break in their games played in the first round.

Martin Parry maintained their winning streak and remained undefeated in four games when they registered their fourth win in a row by defeating American Floor 50 to 7. Jim Valentine with 14 points sparked the winners to maintain their undefeated record. In the other league game scheduled Auto Lite won by a forfeit when the CIO Club failed to show for a game.

In the American League the Surface Combustion Club playing before a capacity crowd in the opening game outlasted the Willys Overland squad 42 to 34. It was a ding dong affair with the lead changing hands through the entire game. The outcome of this contest was in doubt until the final whistle blew. Mickey Badick's all around play both on defence and offense had much to do with the Surface teams record of three in the win column and none in the loss column.

The second game proved to be a hotly contested affair with Toledo Scales managing to out last the Auto Lite team No. 1 despite the fact that Auto Lite's John Horvath scored 22 points to lead both teams. Final score Toledo Scales 55, Auto Lite No. 1 47.

In the final game Doehler Jarvis moved into a third place tie by defeating National Supply 47 to 18. Bill Vallade and Earl Ford lead the winners with 8 points a piece.

TU Rockets Classed As Ohio No.1 Team

Will Tangle With Strong Valparaiso Saturday Night

The University of Toledo Rockets, now established as one of Ohio's No. 1 basketball teams and among the nation's best, will tangle with a tough Valparaiso University five at the TU Field House Saturday night. Game time is 8:15.

One of the three teams to beat TU this season was Valparaiso, and the Rockets will shoot the works Saturday in an attempt to avenge that earlier loss. TU's record now stands at 15 won and 3 lost.

High Scoring Forward

Valparaiso is led by Bob Metcalf, a high-scoring forward and candidate for All-America this year. His terrific scoring pace led Valpo to an 86 to 73 win over last November.

Toledo's latest win was a 74 to 53 trouncing of Baldwin-Wallace College last Saturday. The los was B-W's first on its home floor in 25 games.

Wayne University Next

After the Valparaiso game Saturday, the Rockets will prepare for a game with the Wayne University at the Field House next Tuesday night, Feb. 7, then will head East for games with LaSalle College at Philadelphia on Feb. 11 and with Niagara University at Niagara, Feb. 13.

Buckeyes And Grand Rapids Meet Again

Out To Avenge Defeat Sat. In Sports Arena

The battle for top place in the Eastern Hockey League moves back to the Toledo Sports Arena Saturday, February 4, when Grand Rapids and the Toledo Buckeyes meet again.

In twelve games played so far this season between the two teams six of them resulted in tie scores — the last a 1-1 affair last Wednesday at the Sports Arena. With the exception of a 5-3 win for the Buckeyes, the other five games were decided by a single margin. Grand Rapids has won four and Toledo two.

McGrath Sidelined

George Burke will replace the injured Johnny McGrath in the game against the Furniture City team. Burke played last season with Houston in the U. S. league and with Louisville of the International.

The new winger comes from Regina, breaks fast and has a rifle shot akin to that of defenseman Harold Johnson. Coach Mulligan will use him on the line with Cunningham and Timmins.

The Sea Gulls of Atlantic City will return for another game with the Buckeyes on Wednesday, February 8.

Preparations For Raceways Fall Meeting

Toledo Fort Miami Raceway's big fall meeting still is months off but, even as snow swirls down on the suburban Toledo track, preparations are under way for the Sept. 11-Oct. 31 get-together of the thoroughbreds.

More than $100,000 in improvements will be added to the $300,000 already invested in the racing plant, according to President Sam Corsovano. Among improvements due are a new drainage system, expanded showers and facilities for horsemen, renovation of the clubouse and grandstand and beautification of the infield.

The 1950 meet will be the seventh meeting since the Raceway began operations five years ago. An October meeting in 1946 highlighted the getaway card and split meetings were held in 1947 and 1948. Last year a full 44-night meet was run off in summer.

This year Cordovano and his associates will settle on a full-scale fall meeting, having determined this is preferred by the public of the Toledo area. Chances are that efforts will always be made to keep a fall meeting at Fort Miami.

Both the mile and half-mile track will be used this season with the mile oval being reconditioned and lighted. It was over this stretch in the past that some of the greatest standard breds of another era raced to fame and fortune.

Do you know that a new type rifle invented has a muzzle velocity of 4100 feet per second, about four fifths of a mile per second, 48 miles per minute, 2880 miles per hour? The war has developed rifles with greater velocity, but the details are secret.

Do you know that; Pop Warner originated the football attack known as the double wing-back formation.

Local 12 Boxers In Lima Fights

Pictured are boxers representing Local 12 in bouts at Lima, Ohio last Tuesday night. Left to right are Jerry Street, John Fillion, Steve Gintack, Red MacDonald, coach; Art Tillis and Ray Ulis.

Ulis, Fillion And Gintack Win Easily In Lima Bouts

Ray Ulis, clever Local 12 lightweight boxer, scored a second-round knockout over Jackie Skinner of Lima last Monday night to highlight the Union team's three victories in the Lima Boys' Club show.

There was little doubt from the opening bell as to the outcome of the fight. Ulis, a finalist in last year's Golden Gloves Tournament, had things his own way at all times and displayed remarkable finese in cooling the Lima boy.

In another top-notch bout, John Fillion of Local 12, defeated Dick Geib, Lima Golden Gloves Champion. Fillion, who won the YMCA Novice title last December, showed much improvement in winning the fight.

The third Local 12 winner was Steve Gintack who scored a second round technical knockout over Harry Ward of Lima. Ward is also a Lima Golden Gloves titleholder.

The show provided excellent conditioning for the approaching Toledo Golden Gloves show. All five Local 12 boxers gained important ring savvy in their bouts.

Jerry Street, popular Local 12 swinger, lost a split decision to Bob Bankston of Lima. The fight was slambang all the way and many ringside observers thought Street won the bout. Local 12's Art Tillis lost to Sam Parnell, Lima Golden Gloves king, by a very close margin.

A Few Tips For Bowlers

Don't hurry yourself, relax at all times, especially when the ball leaves the hand.

Don't start to deliver with a jump, take three or four fast steps.

Never lose your temper; spirit is a fine thing but bad temper in bowling is unforgivable.

Don't expect a strike every time you hit the head pin; clean up your spares if you want your strikes to count up.

Don't think the other fellow has all the luck; plug away! Things will change.

Don't get discouraged; you can learn; and able-bodied person with ordinary nerves and good eye can become quite expert with practice.

Remember if you get the spares the strikes will come .

Don't tell any one what you are going to do. Wait until after the game and tell them what you did do, if it's good.

Do you know that; a mark of an even 1,500 base hits and a batting average of exactly .300 over 10 seasons was held by Buddy Lewis as he began the 1949 season.

Do you know that; the 49.1 punting average by Glen Dobbs of the Los Angeles Dons, is the highest on record in pro football.

Four Masters Of Grid Technique

Earl H. "Red" Blaik.

Starting his ninth season as Army mentor, Earl H. (Red) Blaik was able to look back at four undefeated campaigns in he last five years. Graduated from the Military Academy in 1920, Blaik was summoned back to West Point after coaching at Dartmouth and lifted Cadet gridiron prowness to a point never before attained in 59 years.

Lou Little.

Lou Little is celebrating his 20th anniversity as Columbia coach. Two notable occasions stand out during his long tenure with the Lions,—the 7-0 Rose Bowl victory over Stanford in 1934, and 21-20 triumph which snapped Army's unbeaten string at 32 games in 1947. A Penn. alumns, Little coached at Georgetown from 1924 until 1930.

Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf.

Big, friendly Lynn "Pappy" Woldorf has always been a successful coach and he has proved it by leading California into the Rose Bowl last season, his second with the Golden Bears. A star tackle at Syracuse, Waldorf has had 22 years of coaching experience and during a long term at Northwestern, won the Western Coference title in 1936.

General Robert R. Neyland.

Now in his 17th season as head coach at Tennessee, General Robert R. Neyland has a record that probably is unmatched in coaching circles. Starting this past seasons campaign, his volunteers had won 138 games, lost 24 and tied 10. A West Pointer, class of'16; veteran of both World Wars, Neyland's teams hold a record of 36 straight wins.

Jackie Robinson Show

Jackie Robinson who jumped into major league stardom after one season in the minors has crashed the top in radio in similar style. With a year's experience as a sportscaster over local New York station WMCA behind him, Jackie takes on a fifteen minute Sunday night spot over ABC this month. Tagged the Jackie Robinson Show, it will include commentary, big-name interviews, and talks on juvenile delinquency.

Did you know that: the Holy Cross-Miami University game in the Orange Bowl January 1, 1946 ended some seconds after the final whistle blew when Al Hudson intercepted a pass as time ran out and galloped 89 yards to give Miami a 13 to 6 victory.

Ohio State Track Squad Shaping Up

Two Football Stars Working Out Daily For Positions

Two members of the Ohio State University Rose Bowl football squad, Ray Hamilton and Walter Klevay, both right halfbacks, are working out daily with Coach Larry Snyder's track squad.

Hamilton, former state Class A high hurdle champion from Canton McKinley, hopes to be in condition for his specialty soon. He also will compete in the low hurdles. Klevay, former Class B dash champion from Independence, O., is expected to be available for indoor sprints.

Another leading sophomore contender is Gene Cole, of Lancaster, who set a new national interscholastic record in the 440 in 1948 of 48 seconds flat. Leonard Truex, Lima sophomore is expected to be a point-maker in the 880 and mile as is Doug Willams of Cleveland.

Ten lettermen on the squad are headed by Captain Harry Cogswell of Marietta, former Big Ten indoor 440 champion. Other veterans are Calderwood and Bill Edwards, in the weights; Frank D'Arcy in the mile and two mile; Howard Isaacson and Harry McKnight, pole vault; Fred Johnson and Howard Kunz in the sprints; Robert Wade in the broad jump and Mark Whitaker, 440 and 880.

Ohio State and Wisconsin tied for the conference indoor crown last year and the Buckeyes were second to Minnesota in the outdoor festival.

Local 12 Basketball League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L
Surface Combustion	3	0
Toledo Scales	3	1
Spicer	2	1
Doehler Jarvis	2	1
Auto Lite No. 1	2	1
Willys Overland	2	2
National Supply	0	4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L
Martin Parry	4	0
Auto Lite No. 2	2	1
Plaskon	2	2
American Floor	1	2
Ind Heat Treat	1	3
C. I. O. Club	0	4

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Tid Bits From The Sports Desk

By NORM MEYERS

ONE YEAR AGO, (February 1949) Johnny Palmer's 272 was good enough to win the $10,000 Huston Open. Cary Middlecoff finished second. Alena Vrznova of Czechoslovakia won the women's world figure-skating crown at Paris. Yvonne Sherman placed second. Willanova defeated Army in basketball 66-48 for the third year in a row. Paul Arizin of the Wildcats totaled 31 points. Charlies Fusari rallied from a first round knockdown to defeat Ro[illegible] Castellani in 10 rounds at Madison Square Garden. Old Rockport a 33-1 shot, with Gordon Glisson up, took the Santa Anita Derby. Olympia, the favorite, was second. Admiral Lea ran third.

Norm Meyers

Sons of Former Big League Baseball Stars in National League

Except for one club there will be at least one son of a former major leaguer on the rosters of National League teams when spring training starts on March 1. Since Dixie Walker left the Dodgers that club has been without a son of a former major league performer.

The Boston Braves have two sons of former big leaguers. One is George Uhle, Jr., who, like his famous dad, also is a pitcher. George, Sr. was a mainstay for years of the Indians' staff and in 1923 won 26 games. George Junior gave signs of following in his dad's footsteps while with the Denver Western League team last season. He won 10, lost 5 and had an earned run mark of 2.25. The other Boston player is Chester Nichols, a left handed pitcher who had an earned run average of 2.32 with Evansville last year and won 14 games while losing 7. His dad once pitched for the Phillies and the Reds.

Everett Lively, the right hand pitcher of the Reds, learned his art from his dad who was a pitcher with the Tigers and the Athletics. On the Cubs' roster is Bob Rush, one of the most promising right handers in the business. Bob's dad did considerable pitching in the minors and also had a brief trial with the Browns.

One of baseball's most famous names is carried on the Phillie's roster in the person of Dick Sisler, who did a swell job at first base as a replacement for Eddie Waitkus. Dick is the son of George Sisler, one of the game's greats and now with the Brooklyn organization.

Don Mueller, who is returning for another chance with the Giants, is the son of Walter (Heinie) Mueller who, like Don played the outfield. Heinie Mueller played with the Pirates in the early twenties.

Howdy Myers?

People can talk of the football coaching triumphs of Red Blaik, Frank Leahy, George Halas, or Pappy Waldrof; the horse racing success of Ben Jones and his son Jimmy; the basketball achievments of Hank Iba and Adolph Rupp, but one of the real tops among coaches is Howdy Myers. If you have never heard of him he is the lacrosse coach of Johns Hopkins University and his teams won three straight intercollegiate championships and piled up 22 straight victories. Before going to Johns Hopkins, Howdy coached at St. Pauls in Baltimore, where his teams won the Maryland scholastic title seven years in a row and ran up a string of 62 victories in a row. And Myers never played the game himself.

Toronto's Record Wreckers

National Hockey League clubs are flying across the ice, battling in the heat of a news season. But they must have at times qualms, or feel a touch of futility when it occurs to them that the Toronto Maple Leafs are lurking in the wings, waiting for the Stanley Cup competition to begin early in the spring. By sweeping through the Detroit Red Wings in four straight wins last April in the final series, the Leafs made history. They were the first to win three consecutive Stanley Cup titles; the first to capture the Trophy six times; the first to sweep the four out of seven final for two straight years; the first team since the 1937-38 Chicago Black Hawks to finish fourth and win the Stanley Cup; and they established a new mark with nine playoff triumphs in a row.

Golden Gloves Mittfest Feb. 13

Preliminaries Opening Night Championship Bouts Feb. 20

Mindful of the fact that the road to Golden Gloves glory isn't too far off and the competition stacks up much stronger than any other previous amateur boxing tournament, area gladiators are getting themselves plenty of seasoning.

The big mittfest is scheduled at Toledo's Sports Arena February 13, 17, and 20. Preliminaries will be staged the first night with the survivors moving on to the quarter-finals four days later. Semi-finals and championship firing follows the next Monday.

Bouts In 8 Divisions

With championships being decided in eight divisions and three defending kings in the thick of leather flurries, the team representing Toledo in Chicago's Tournament of Champions the following week in Chicago Stadium should smack plenty of class.

Art Kolbe, veteran Fremont, Ohio trainer of boxers, has notified tourney officials he plans to enter a strong contingent. Teams from Lima, Ohio, Monroe, Michigan, Sandusky, and other nearby towns also have indicated they'll be very much in the tourney.

Over 125 Contestants

Officials anticipate a field well over 125 contestants, unquestionably the largest since The Toledo Times took over the winter's No. 1 sports attraction four years ago.

The eight boys winning their title spurs will be rewarded with silver robes, trunks and jackets, artistically trimmed in gold. In addition, they'll be given the trip to Chicago all expenses paid. This calls for making headquartess at one of Chicago's most luxurious sotels.

Popular Prices

Tickets have been popularly priced at $1, $2, and $3 the first two nights. The final night, the pasteboards go at $1, $2, $3, and $5. Ticket agencies have been like their ring warfare "slam-bang", start to finish.

established in neighboring Toledo towns for boxing patrons who

IN THIS CORNER

with E. C. "RED" MAC DONALD

THE PAL fight show Tuesday night provided the estimated 7,500 customers with plenty of ring action and a few surprises. Kid Alfonso's three-round knockout over Herb Kronowitz probably being the biggest "upset" of the evening.

The Monroe, Mich. slugger proved he is ready to meet the best as he handed the New York veteran the first kayo of his career. Alfonso is not the cleverest boxer in the game but certainly makes up for it with a savage hard-hitting attack.

We were happy to see the kid come out successful in his first big time bout as he is a definite crowd-pleaser and has the ability to maybe some day reach the top of the middleweight class.

Another minor surprise was the 10-round knockout of Lew Jenkins, former lightwtight king of the world. It looks as though Jenkins, who has been boxing for more than a decade, has just about come to the end of the road.

Although the Texas swinger started slow he seemed to get better until the curtain dropped in the final frame.

Archie Moore's close win over the clever Bert Lytell should put the Toledoan in line for a title bout of some kind. Moore has beaten everything in sight and definitely deserves a shot at the light heavyweight crown.

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WELL the Associated Press made it 'official" last week —George Mikan is the greatest basketball player in the last 50 years. This of course can't be classified as very unusual as the Minneapolis Laker star is the greatest point getter in the history of the game.

It is interesting to note the great improvement the scholarly looking Mikan has made the past few years. The present day Mikan presents a far different picture from the awkward youth of eight years ago.

He carries his 240 pounds well distributed over his six-foot, ten inch frame and moves with ease and grace. His heavy rimmed glasses give him a studious air.

Naturally it is Mikan's height which has played an important part in the scoring records he has broken. With it he gets a lot of rebound shots and tip-ins.

The ability to get the ball has brought him a 300-point leadership in the scoring records of the National Basketball Association. He has scored more than 1,300 points so far this season.

If Mikan should ever quit the game, and the way he's been doing it doesn't look as though he will, the big boy is well prepared. He holds a law degree from DePaul University and is licensed to practice in Illinois.

New York Ranger's Hockey Sophomore

In starting his sophomore season in the National Hockey League, Pentti Lund, Finnish-born left wing of the New York Rangers, has been a vital factor in the attack of the Blue Shirts. His 30 points last year, the result of 14 goals and 16 assists, was the top scoring achievement by a first year man, and won for him the Calder Memorial Trophy, annually awarded the outstanding rookie in the league. Capable of playing the right wing as well as the left, Lund is a particularly hard shot. He enjoyed a streak in December, 1948, during which he scored a goal or an assist in eight straight games. The Rangers also profited by it; they lost only two of the eight games. Pentti first attracted attention in New York as a member of the Boston Olympics. The Rangers grabbed him from the Bruins with whom Pentti played in two Stanley Cup games last April.

Do you know that; Don Black Cleveland pitcher, defeated all other seven American League teams during 1947.

Did you know that: Hack Wilson holds the major league record for the most runs batted in, in a single season.

Local 12 Basketball League Schedule
Monday, February 6, 1950

American League

Willys-Overland vs Doehler Jarvis—7 p.m.
Toledo Scales vs Spicer Mfg.—8 p.m.
Surface Combustion vs Auto-Lite No. 1—9 p.m.
National Supply Bye

National League

Martin-Parry vs Auto-Lite No. 2—7 p.m.
Ind. Heat Treat vs CIO Club—8 p.m.
Plaskon vs American Floor—9 p.m.

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